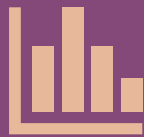


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National updates

[Careermag for school leavers](#)

A magazine for school leavers which includes sector based articles, including engineering, financial services, the motor industry, online retail and transport and logistics.

[AI Recruitment Software](#)

Interesting article around the use of AI software in recruitment. The article states that companies such as McDonalds, PWC, Kraft Heinz and JP Morgan use these recruitment methods, therefore it is worthwhile getting a better understanding of what these are.

[Professional economist apprenticeship](#)

A new senior professional economist apprenticeship has been launched with the first round of 100 apprentices starting last month. The apprenticeship lasts for 2 years and individuals will also achieve a Masters level qualification on completion.

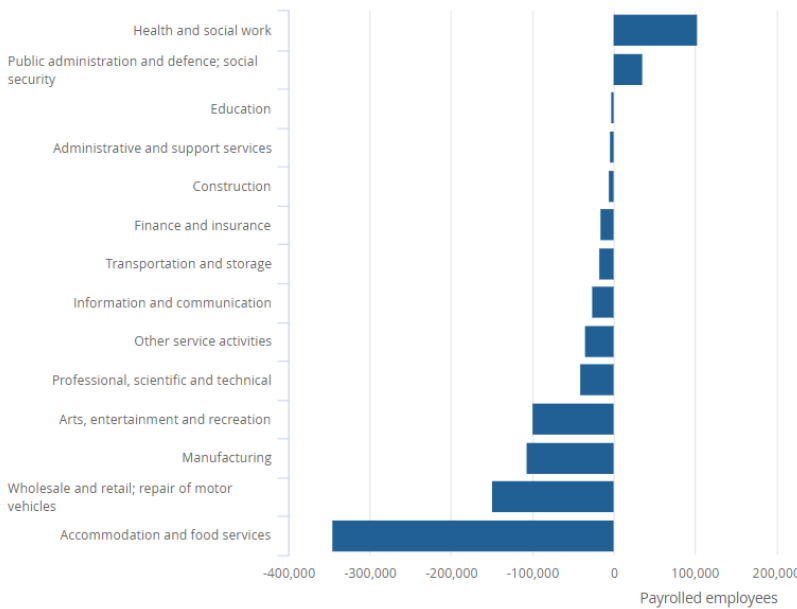
UK economy

It is difficult to know what the long-term impact of the pandemic will be on the economy however data does give us an indication of what is happening currently. Some of the latest data and findings on the UK labour market are:

- The accommodation and food sector has seen the greatest fall in employees since February 2020 (probably not a surprise given the restrictions put on this sector). This decline is followed by retail and manufacturing. The two areas which have seen a growth in the number of employees are health and social care and the public sector. (See graph below:)

Figure 13: The accommodation and food services sector has seen the greatest decrease in payrolled employees since February 2020

Payrolled employees, absolute change on February 2020, seasonally adjusted, UK, January 2021



- In terms of young people, 18-24 year olds have seen the greatest decrease in payrolled employees (the numbers on the HMRC payroll). Of the 726,000 fall in UK employees between February 2020 and January 2021, 425,000 (58.5%) were under 25 years. This is possibly due to the types of employment that this age group are more likely to be employed in.



London updates

[Thames water plans to create 1,000 new jobs](#)

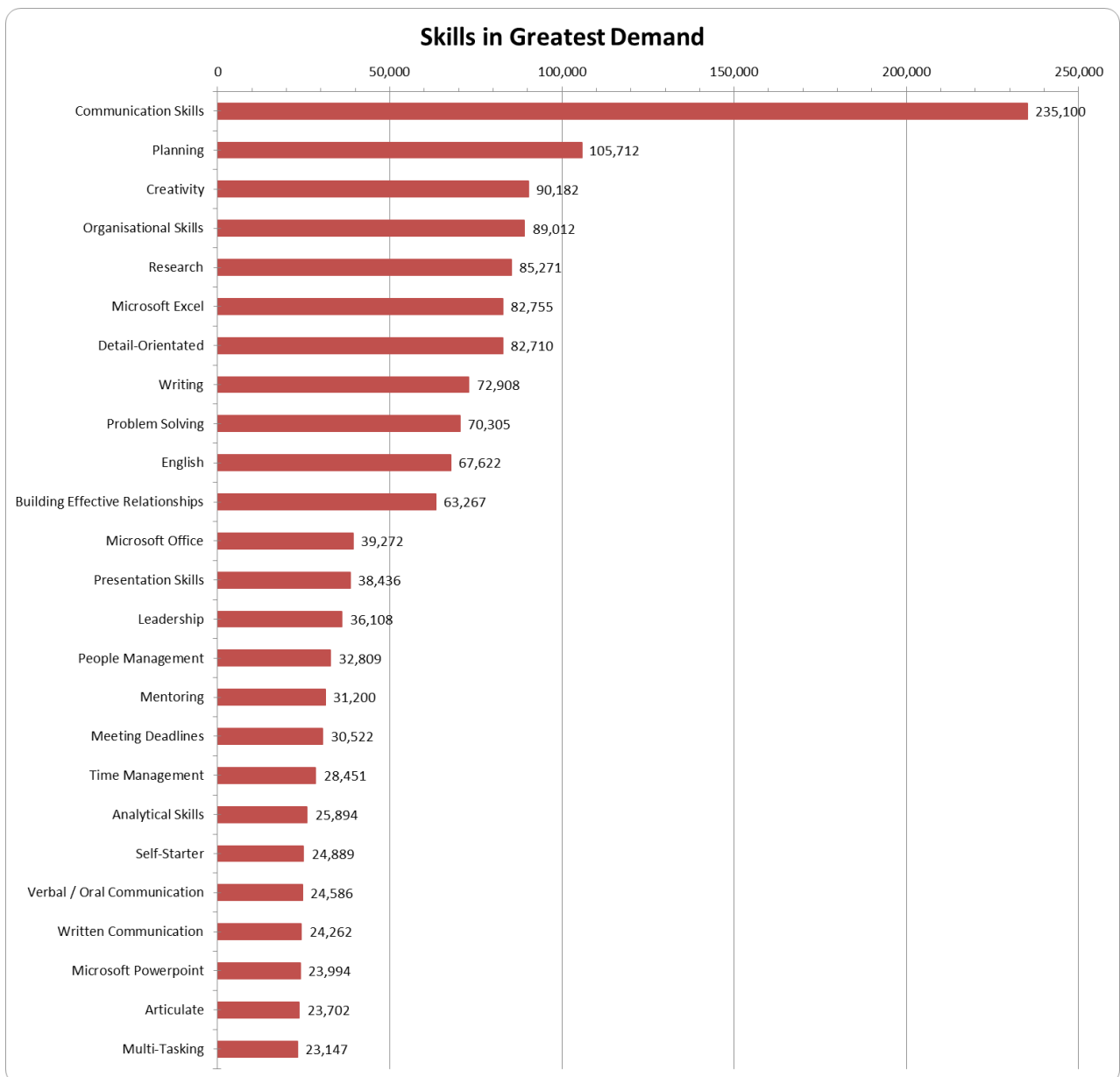
Thames water have launched a recruitment programme with the aim of creating 1,000 jobs in 2021. This includes tripling the companies apprenticeship offer, providing 50 apprenticeship vacancies to unemployed young people through the government’s Kick Start scheme.

Opportunities with Thames Water can be viewed through the company [careers page](#).

Skills in demand- London

The graph below shows the top skills London employers who advertised online were looking for over the past 12 months. Useful if you are discussing the skills which employers look for with young people.

(Source: Labour Insights, Burning Glass Technology)



Useful websites and resources

[Red Bull wingfinder](#)

Personality assessment tool which is free of charge to use and helps individuals to identify their strengths.

[Amazing Apprenticeships Parents' and Carers' Pack February](#)

This edition of the parents pack contains information on levels of apprenticeships, T-Levels and apprenticeships in the care sector, plus lots more. A useful source information which you may like to add a link to from your school website.

[My Learning, My Future](#)

A reminder about the 'My Learning, My Future' resources produced by the Careers and Enterprise company. There are now 21 subject areas which link subjects to the world of work, helping to embed careers into the curriculum.

Future events

[How to deliver meaningful online university guidance events for your school or college \(and meet Gatsby Benchmark 7 whilst doing so\)](#)

3rd March 12.30pm

"UniTasterDays are hosting a free lunchtime university guidance CPD event for school and college careers colleagues on March 3rd. This will focus on the different types of online events on offer through HE institutions, how other schools have approached the delivery of effective online university guidance. As well as a session on meeting Gatsby Benchmark 7 in the online environment delivered by the Careers and Enterprise Company."

[No Room for Clichés: RAF apprenticeships and careers webinar](#)

8th March 14:00

"To mark International Women's Day 2021, the RAF in partnership with Amazing Apprenticeships, will be running an exclusive free webinar, ideal for female students in Years 10-13, to explore the incredible apprenticeship and career opportunities available for them.

All students, Careers Advisers, Careers Leaders, Parents and Carers, and Teachers are also invited to join this exclusive webinar."

[The Healthcare Careers Expo](#)

London, 13th March, book through eventbrite

[Skills London 2021](#)

Skills London is the UK's largest careers event, with more than 200 exhibitors and more than 50,000 opportunities on offer each year. Anyone aged between 15-24 can make the most of this event for free.

Friday 26 November 2021: 9:30am – 4pm

Saturday 27 November 2021: 9:30am – 4pm