

Regional Jobs Guide

*For students
& graduates*

**A guide about finding
work in the local area
from the Careers and
Employability Service**

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A brief introduction:

This guide aims to explain what you can do to find graduate jobs locally and how the Careers and Employability Service can help you. It covers the local regions to Huddersfield with good commuter links, including; Leeds City Region, Manchester and Sheffield.

Each section of the guide covers job opportunities in a different area that

is local to Huddersfield and provides you with useful information such as local recruitment agencies and which graduate employers are in that area.

Remember, if you have any questions regarding your career planning or job search strategy, the Careers and Employability Service is here to support you during and for as long as you need after you graduate.

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Top tips when job hunting

3 simple steps to find local graduate opportunities.

1 Search and apply online

Visit the [University of Huddersfield JobShop](#) where you can search by locality and career type.

Each year we advertise over 1500 grad jobs in the West Yorkshire region.

Job sites like Indeed and Glassdoor can be a useful source, while [LinkedIn](#) is a great place to look for vacancies. You should make an effort to be following local companies and join groups that are relevant to your career plans.

2 Use local recruitment agencies

These are an important source of opportunities. Remember the agency should charge the company not you, so this is another free service.

In this guide we've picked out examples of recruitment agencies specific to each region. Typically, recruitment agencies have specialisms in certain job sectors, so check which are listed for your region.

If you are looking for a career in a sector not listed, search online by combining the place, type of work and include the phrase 'recruitment agency' to see what is suggested.

[Prospects](#) is a great resource and has some handy advice on getting the most out of agencies along with links to sites that you can use to find specialist ones.

3 Network and make speculative applications

Some vacancies are never advertised because employers fill them by word-of-mouth or hire people they already know. Because of this, it can be a good idea to speak with your friends and family about what it is you're looking for.

You may find they have a contact that can provide advice or help you to get work experience; or that somebody they know, knows somebody else who

could be useful in your job search. A speculative application is when you contact a company that you are interested in working with speculatively, even though they are not advertising.

Research, persistence and a bit of luck is needed to succeed here. Use our step-by-step guide on making speculative applications on [our website](#), and read [TargetJobs](#) advice on speculative applications for graduate jobs.



Bradford, Bingley + Keighley

A vibrant city of diversity, culture, arts and film.

Bradford was once considered to be the wool capital of the world and is now proud to be the first ever UNESCO City of Film.

Bradford has an impressive history reflected in its striking architecture. Little Germany and the magnificent Cathedral are highlights, alongside City Park where 100 fountains, laser lights, mist and water effects are sure to

amaze. The city has gained a reputation for staging a high quality programme of events and its independent bars and restaurants are very popular during the summer months. Bradford also boasts a flourishing arts scene, fascinating exhibitions and beautiful theatres such as the National Science and Media Museum, Cartwright Hall and Impressions Gallery.¹

¹ www.visitbradford.com/bradford.aspx



Recruitment agencies

Headway Recruitment

Headway Recruitment placed over **14240 candidates** over the last 40 years and serves a wide variety of sectors including Accountancy and Finance, Design, Creative, Education, Engineering and Manufacturing, Event Management, HR, IT, Legal, Logistics, Marketing and more.

Stafforce

Stafforce are a national recruitment firm that have a large office in the centre of Bradford. They offer temporary as well as permanent professional roles so they could be good for building experience over the summer as well as after your degree.

Transport Links

Two central train stations: Forester Square and the Interchange, which is also the city's main bus station.

Road links through **M62 and M621**.

£28814

Average wage in 2017 (ONS)

536800

Estimated population (ONS)

Top Employers in Bradford

Freemans Grattan Holdings	Hallmark UK
West Yorkshire Fire Rescue	Hermes
PricewaterhouseCoopers	Seabrook
Provident Financial	JCT600 Ltd
Yorkshire Water	Morrisons

The big sectors:

Digital + Manufacturing

Where to search for jobs

As well as checking our [JobShop](#) and national sites like [LinkedIn](#), the local newspaper **The Telegraph & Argus** also advertises jobs.

Bradford's economy is predicted to **grow by 25%** in the next ten years. There are **17,620 businesses** employing **198,600 people**²

² www.bradford.gov.uk/business/bradford-economy/about-bradfords-economy

Halifax and the borough of Calderdale

*Victoriana
meets big
business.*

The headquarters of the Halifax Bank, Halifax is home to the historic Piece Hall - a Grade 1 18th Century cloth hall, and the fast developing Dean Clough innovation park.

Halifax has one of the most complete Victorian townscapes in Britain and is immensely proud of its heritage with iconic sights such as Halifax Minster, one of the finest buildings in Yorkshire.³

Halifax is the largest town in the borough of Calderdale which includes Elland, Brighouse, Hebden Bridge, Sowerby Bridge and Todmorden.

There are plenty of businesses based in Halifax offices such as Dean Clough; a stylish leisure and retail destination home to 150 business and employing 4000 people.

³ www.visitcalderdale.com

Where to search for jobs

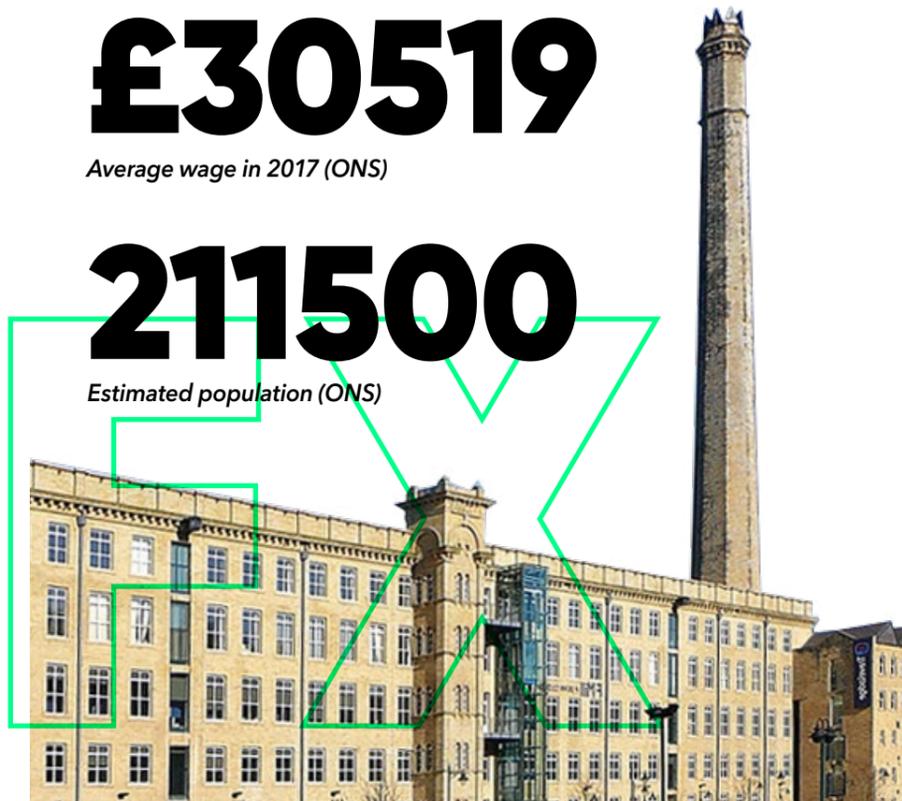
As well as checking our [JobShop](#) and national sites like [LinkedIn](#), the local newspaper **The Halifax Courier** also advertises jobs.

£30519

Average wage in 2017 (ONS)

211500

Estimated population (ONS)



Top Employers in Halifax

Lloyds Banking Group	Eureka!
Suma Wholefoods	Nestle
Kellogg Company	Covea

Transport Links

Halifax train station has services to Bradford, Huddersfield (25min), Manchester (50min), York, Chester, Hull and Leeds (40min). The nearest motorway is the **M62**.

"Covéa Insurance has its largest office in a converted Grade II mill in Dean Clough. The facilities are great with a gym and lots of independently owned cafes, bars and restaurants within easy walking distance of the town centre. The office has bags of character combined with hi-tech features that reflect our vibrant culture. Halifax is surrounded by beautiful countryside and has brilliant train links to Leeds and Manchester so you really have the best of both worlds!"

Laura Oliver at Covea Insurance
University of Huddersfield Graduate

"I have had the pleasure of working for Lloyds Banking Group since graduating in 2015. I have had opportunities to work in a variety of different areas and progress through a number of managerial positions without the pressure to take roles in London where it is perceived 'everything happens'. The culture here is great, I have the flexibility to work from home when needed, I would definitely recommend Lloyds as a great place to work."

Sam Wood at Lloyds
University of Huddersfield Graduate

The big sectors: Digital, Financial + Manufacturing

Recruitment agencies

[Arc Recruitment](#)

Arc Recruitment is a local firm that offer commercial opportunities. You can meet with a consultant at Arc to discuss your requirements after registering online.

[Cogent Staffing](#)

Cogent Staffing have offices in Leeds, Bradford and Huddersfield as well as Halifax. They offer opportunities in Engineering, Manufacturing, FMCG and Logistics.

Huddersfield and the borough of Kirklees

The 1895 birthplace of rugby league.

Huddersfield is the largest town in the borough of Kirklees, which includes Batley, Birstall, Cleckheaton, Denby Dale, Dewsbury, Heckmondwike, Holmfirth, Kirkburton, Marsden, Meltham, Mirfield and Slaithwaite.

Home to over 1,600 listed buildings and voted the third happiest place to live in the UK, Huddersfield showcases an impressive legacy that has evolved

into an exciting hub of contemporary activity.⁴ The birthplace of the late Prime Minister Harold Wilson, Huddersfield is a true Yorkshire town which boasts award-winning Victorian architecture, Castle Hill, musical excellence, an exciting hotbed of food, festivals, family fun and of course the outstanding University of Huddersfield.⁵

⁴ Kirklees Council website

⁵ www.yorkshire.com/places/west-yorkshire/huddersfield

£29741

Average wage (ONS)

435200

Estimated population (ONS)

Top Employers in Huddersfield

Incora

Camira Fabrics

Buy It Direct

Cummins

Syngenta

Kirklees Council

Huddersfield Town AFC

Yorkshire Sculpture Park

West Yorkshire Police

Thornton & Ross



Transport Links

Huddersfield station has direct links to Leeds, Manchester, Dewsbury, Bradford, York and Sheffield.

Good road links via **M62**.

The big sectors:

Digital, Engineering + Manufacturing

Recruitment agencies

Travail

Situated in Huddersfield centre, Travail advertise jobs on their website and specialise in Accounts, Sales, Education and other Professional roles.

One of the largest independently-owned recruitment organisations in the UK they are regarded as being amongst the best in the industry.

Jark

Jark have an office in Huddersfield and their agency recruits for Commercial, Healthcare and Engineering roles.

21 businesses operate under the Jark brand across the UK annually finding work for thousands of job seekers.

Where to search for jobs

As well as checking our [JobShop](#) and national sites like [LinkedIn](#), the local newspaper **The Examiner** advertises jobs through [Fish4Jobs](#).

With a population of 437k and an **annual economy of £7 billion**⁶ there are plenty of graduate job opportunities for you to apply for.

⁶ Kirklees Council website

The city of Leeds + surrounding areas

The unofficial capital of Yorkshire.

Leeds is a great choice of location when looking for graduate jobs, it offers the hustle and bustle of city life but is only a 20-minute train journey from Huddersfield.

Bursting with life and culture, Leeds is a vibrant creative community with award-winning theatre and dance companies, a world-class arena, thriving independent food scene and a renowned retail

destination. As a welcoming host for international sporting events, carnivals, and a packed calendar of festivals and events, Leeds skyline is filled with breathtaking architecture,⁷ home to new and exciting tech companies like LeadTech and EMIS⁸ who are amongst Leeds' top 25 growing tech firms.⁹

⁷ www.visitleeds.co.uk

⁸ tinyurl.com/y3yydfhu

⁹ tinyurl.com/y4edyneb

Where to search for jobs

As well as checking our [JobShop](#) and national sites like [LinkedIn](#), the local newspaper **The Yorkshire Evening Post** also advertises jobs.

£33137

Average wage in 2017 (ONS)

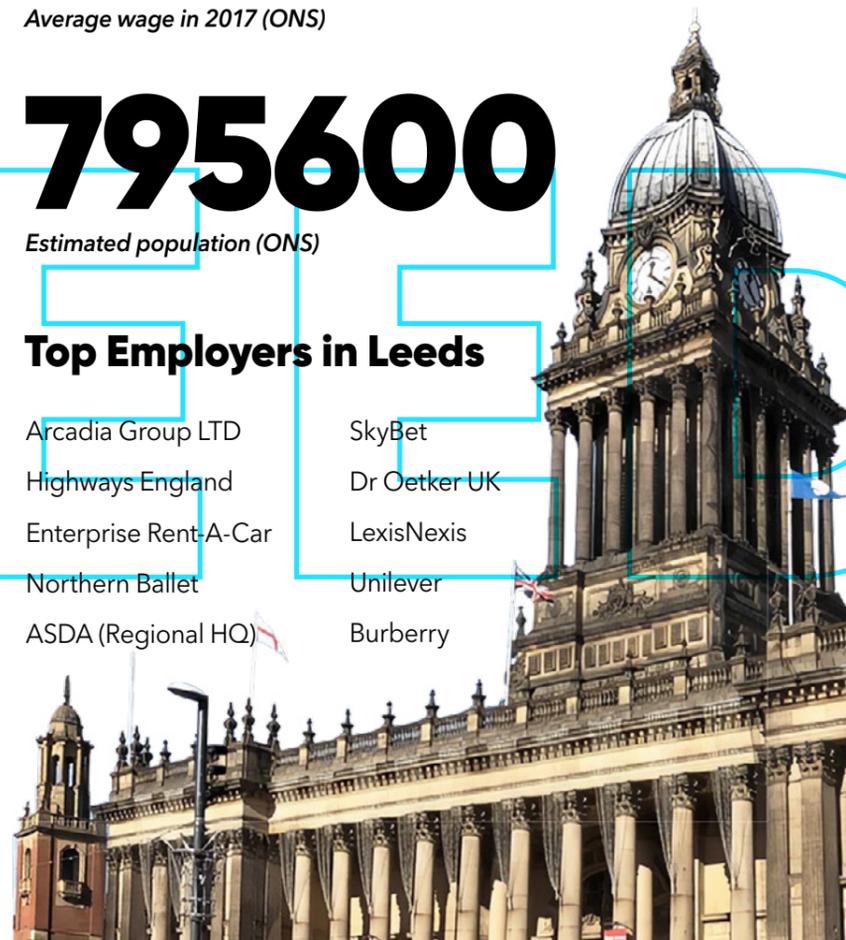
795600

Estimated population (ONS)

Top Employers in Leeds

Arcadia Group LTD
Highways England
Enterprise Rent-A-Car
Northern Ballet
ASDA (Regional HQ)

SkyBet
Dr Oetker UK
LexisNexis
Unilever
Burberry



Transport Links

Large train and bus stations linking West Yorkshire and beyond.

20 minutes to Huddersfield by train.

Good road links in **M62, M1, M621.**

The big sectors: Financial + Business

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38% of total output

Other key sectors include **Retail, Leisure and the Visitor Economy, Construction, Manufacturing, the Creative and Digital Industries.** (Leeds City Council)

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and Creative, Education, Engineering and Manufacturing, Event Management, HR, IT, Legal, Logistics, Manufacturing and Marketing as well as many more.

Lucy Walker Recruitment

Lucy Walker Recruitment state on their website that they fill **graduate roles so quickly that they often don't have to advertise them!** So get in touch

with them now if you are interested in working in Legal Services, Sales, Marketing, Supply Chain, Logistics, Procurement, HR or Management.

Jo Holdsworth Recruitment

Jo Holdsworth Recruitment specialise, amongst other things, in **Graduate Sales,**

Legal and Property roles and offer advice during the recruitment process.

Manchester + Greater Manchester

19th century birthplace of the industrial revolution.

With around 105,000 businesses, two world famous football teams and a vibrant city life, Manchester is certainly an exciting place to be.

In this guide we have also included the surrounding areas, such as Rochdale and Oldham. Manchester has a proud history in science, politics, music, arts and sport. The city combines heritage with a progressive vision to be a city that

delivers surprise and delight in equal measures.¹⁰

"I have always aspired to work in the city, even when I wasn't sure on the exact direction of my career. I now work in Manchester City Centre and I get to experience the culture of city life on a day to day basis!"

Debbie Keams, University of Huddersfield Alumni
10 www.visitmanchester.com

Recruitment agencies

Time Recruitment

Time Recruitment is a large agency that have graduate career advice on their website and **the list of sectors that**

they work in is huge! You can search for jobs by industry and location on their website.

Get-Recruited

Get Recruited work in a large number of job sectors and specialise, amongst other things, in graduate and trainee roles. They are a leading multi-sector

national recruitment agency, with a reputation for exceptional integrity, efficiency service, and speed - definitely check them out!

Hays

Hays is a national firm but they tend to recruit for a lot of IT and Engineering

roles in the Greater Manchester area, so their site is often worth a visit.



Transport Links

Manchester has 4 stations: Piccadilly, Victoria, Oxford Road and Deansgate plus the tram system (MetroLink). The city is surrounded by the **M60**, which links with multiple motorways.

£32287

Average wage in (ONS)

2831300

Estimated population (ONS)

Top Employers in Manchester

Footasylum Plc	Kelloggs
TransPennine Express	BBC
Warburtons	Bentley
Nandos (Regional HQ)	Hays Retail
Kier Group Plc	AO.com

The big sectors:

Finance, Creative, Business, Digital, Manufacturing + Engineering

Where to search for jobs

As well as checking our [JobShop](#) and national sites like [LinkedIn](#), the local newspaper **The Manchester Evening News** advertises jobs through [Fish4Jobs](#)

Sheffield + surrounding areas

Steel City: one of the greenest cities in Europe.

The centre of Sheffield offers the hustle and bustle of city life, located right on the edge of the Peak District for the best of both worlds.

The city has two famous football teams, a lively music scene, city centre parks and out of town shopping centres like Meadowhall. Sheffield's City Region also includes neighbouring towns of Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham.

Known the world over as the Steel City, Sheffield was famed for its industry in the 1900s and remains a city of innovation to this day.¹¹

A modern cityscape set against the stunning Peak District, Sheffield has the highest ratio of trees to people in Europe, over two million across the city!¹²

¹¹ www.welcometosheffield.co.uk/visit
¹² www.hallamstudentsunion.com/blog



£26000

Average wage (ONS)

564000

Estimated population (ONS)

Where to search for jobs

As well as checking our [JobShop](#) keep an eye on national sites like [LinkedIn](#), [TotalJobs](#) and [Fish4Jobs](#).

Transport Links

Sheffield has a **central train station** with ~1hr links to Huddersfield, Leeds, Manchester and Nottingham. There's also a **tram** system to get around the city with **park and ride** available.

The big sectors:

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Aerospace, Digital, Nuclear, Healthcare, Automotive + Creative

Recruitment agencies

[Yorkshire Graduates](#)

[Michael Page](#)

[Sue Ross Recruitment](#)

[Lynx Employment Services](#)

Top Employers in Sheffield

Barnsley Premier League

Sheffield City Council

Sheffield Hallam University

RDaSH NHS Trust

Pearson Education

Siemens

DXC Technology

Amazon

Unipart Rail

Northern College

The walled cathedral city of York

Captivating history meets vibrant city culture.

Imagine a city with Roman roots and a Viking past, where ancient walls surround independent shops, vibrant eateries and there's a festival for every month of the year.

With thirty world-class museums to explore, the best racecourse in the country and a thriving cultural scene, York is voted the best place to live in the UK by the Sunday Times.¹³

The city is famous for its medieval and Gothic architecture, fascinating history and attracts more than 6.8 million visitors a year.

York has built a diverse business landscape¹⁴ with more businesses moving to the area each year making it a great place to look for work.

¹³ www.visityork.org

¹⁴ mags.nqnorth.co.uk/york-top-100-businesses

Where to search for jobs

As well as checking our [JobShop](#) keep an eye on national sites like [LinkedIn](#), and [TotalJobs](#).

£34700

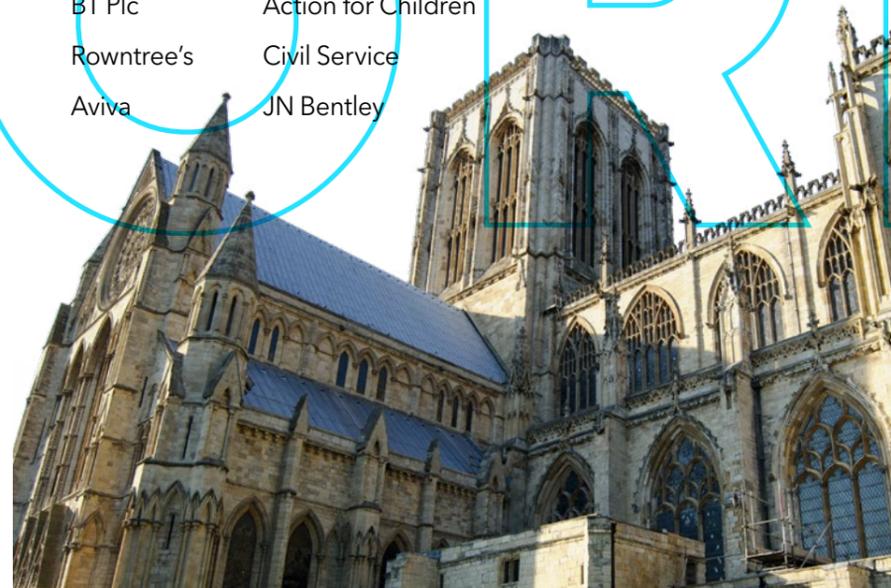
Average wage in 2017 (ONS)

198061

Estimated population (ONS)

Top Employers in York

BT Plc	Action for Children
Rowntree's	Civil Service
Aviva	JN Bentley



Transport Links

York train station has commutable links to towns in **North Yorkshire, Leeds, Manchester** and **Newcastle**. York also has six secure **Park & Ride** sites with regular bus transport into the city.

The big sectors:

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Digital, Creative, Civil Service, High Tech Rail, Tourism, Finance + Hospitality

Recruitment agencies

[WorkwithYork](#)

[One to One Recruitment](#)

[The York Press](#)

Small & medium enterprises

SMEs are large employers within York and the surrounding areas. In 2019 there was a **12% increase in employment within SME's**¹⁵

¹⁵ bhp.co.uk/app/uploads/2019/06/E2518-Top-50-York-2019_LR.pdf

Resources + Contacts

Careers and Employability Service

University of Huddersfield graduates have access to a lifetime's guarantee of careers support. Whatever your situation, if you need help we're there for you with individual advice on all aspects of career planning and job search.

MyCareer Job Shop

A free, searchable jobs board from the Careers and Employability Service with over 3000 employers registered. Graduate jobs are added daily, in a wide variety of sectors throughout the region. You can book an appointment through [MyCareer](#) or email us on careers@hud.ac.uk

Other useful links

[Invest Leeds](#)

Information on the key sectors and companies in the Leeds City Region, their aim is to unlock Leeds' economic potential, stimulating prosperity for all who live, work and do business here.

[Leeds Future Goals](#)

Leeds Future Goals provide information on local jobs and training opportunities relevant to the 10 districts that form the greater Leeds City Region.

[TARGETjobs](#)

Free national database of graduate jobs, TARGETjobs is the most used careers site by students at UK universities.

[Prospects](#)

Free national database of graduate jobs, Prospects guides millions of students to make the right choice, matching skills and personality to 400+ job profiles.

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