

Construction Industry in Kent

This bulletin uses data from several sources looking at the number of businesses, jobs, occupations, GVA and apprenticeships in construction.

NOTE: within this bulletin “Kent” refers to the Kent County Council area which excludes Medway

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The construction sector is an important industry that is relied upon to build homes, infrastructure, workplaces, schools and hospitals.

This bulletin looks at the number of jobs in construction industries in Kent. It looks at the number of construction enterprises and the contribution that construction makes to the local economy and the number of construction related apprenticeships.

Summary

- 18.3% of enterprises in Kent are within the construction industry (South East 15.5%, England 14.0%).
- There were 44,000 jobs in construction in Kent in 2023 accounting for 6.8% of all jobs.
- In 2021, 11.0% of Kent’s working population were employed in construction occupations, almost half of which were in skilled trade occupations.
- Construction generated £4,879m GVA in Kent in 2022 equivalent to £3,060 per head of population.
- There were 590 apprenticeship starts and 270 apprenticeship achievements in construction, planning and built environment in 2023/24.

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Introduction

In 2017 the UK government launched its Industrial Strategy White Paper. The aim of the Industrial Strategy is to enable strong economic growth.

As part of the strategy, the government launched a number of sector deals to help develop certain industries in the UK. The construction sector was identified as an important part of the economy. It has the potential to provide large numbers of high-skilled, well-paid jobs. In 2018 The Construction Sector Deal was launched.

More information on the Construction Strategy Sector Deal can be found on the [Department for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy website](#).

The construction sector used in this bulletin is defined using the 2007 Standard Industrial Classification (2007SIC). Information about the 2007 Standard Industrial Classification is available from the UK Standard Industrial Classification of Economic Activities published by [the Office for National Statistics](#).

The construction sector is made up of three main subsectors: Construction of Buildings, Civil Engineering and Specialised Construction.

SIC 2007 Code	Industry Name
4	Construction
41	Construction of buildings
411	Development of building projects
412	Construction of residential and non-residential buildings
42	Civil engineering
421	Construction of roads and railways
422	Construction of utility projects
429	Construction of other civil engineering projects
43	Specialised construction activities
431	Demolition and site preparation
432	Electrical, plumbing and other construction installation activities
433	Building completion and finishing
439	Other specialised construction activities n.e.c.

This bulletin looks at the number of construction enterprises, the number of employee jobs in construction, occupations within the construction industry, the GVA generated by construction in Kent and the number undertaking an apprenticeship in construction.

Enterprises

The estimated number of enterprises comes from information from the UK Business Counts dataset produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). The UK Business Counts dataset is an extract compiled from the Inter Departmental Business Register (IDBR) which contains information on VAT traders and PAYE employers. The UK Business Counts dataset records the number of enterprises that were live at a reference date in March each year giving a snapshot of businesses that were live at this point in time. It is broken down by size band, industry, and turnover. Further information about the methodology used for producing these data is available from [the Office for National Statistics](#).

The latest data is for 2024.

Employee jobs

The number of employee jobs in the manufacturing sector comes from information from the Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) produced by the ONS. The BRES is a sample survey which collects employment information from businesses across the whole of the Great Britain economy for each site that they operate. The survey covers all businesses in Great Britain registered for VAT and/or PAYE. BRES does not cover the very small businesses neither registered for VAT nor PAYE, neither does it include self-employed workers unless they are registered for VAT or PAYE.

The data provides us with an estimate of employee jobs and total employment (number of employees plus the number of working owners).

BRES is a sample survey and produces estimated employment figures. These estimates are of a good quality at higher levels of geography (for example region); however the quality of the estimates deteriorates as the geographies get smaller. This should be taken into account when considering the quality of county and district estimates.

The survey provides us with estimates of employees by industrial sector. The manufacturing sector used in this bulletin is defined using the 2007 Standard Industrial Classification (2007SIC).

In accordance with official guidelines the data is rounded to the nearest 100 prior to publication. Percentages are calculated using unrounded data. The latest data is for 2023.

Occupations

This bulletin also looks at occupations within the construction Industry. Detailed information about the occupations in which residents work is available from the 2021 Census from ONS. This enables us to look at some industry specific occupations related to construction.

This dataset gives us information about the occupations of Kent residents who were in employment at the time of the Census (21 March 2021).

GVA

Gross Value Added (GVA) is a measure of Output i.e., the value of the goods and services produced in the economy. It is primarily used to monitor the performance of the national economy and is now the measure preferred by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) to measure the overall economic well-being of an area. GVA estimates are available by broad industrial group and industrial subsector down to local authority district level and are available for the years 2000 to 2022.

More information is available about GVA estimates from [the Office for National Statistics](#).

Apprenticeships

The Department for Education (DfE) publishes figures on apprenticeship starts and achievements by sector subject area. Starts is counted as the number of people who have started on each apprenticeship programme in the given academic year. Achievements are recorded when a learner reaches an end point of assessment.

The latest annual data available is for academic year 2023/24.

Construction industry enterprises in Kent

The UK Business Counts dataset records the number of enterprises that were live as of March each year, giving a snapshot of businesses that were operating at this point in time. It is broken down by size band, industry, and turnover.

All numbers are rounded to the nearest 5 at source. Values may be rounded down to zero and so all zeros are not necessarily true zeros. Totals across tables may differ by minor amounts due to the disclosure methods used.

Kent had a higher proportion of construction enterprises than the national average as of March 2024. 11,835 construction enterprises in the county accounted for 18.3% of all enterprises in Kent as opposed to 14.0% in England. This is shown in table 1.

Table 1: Construction enterprises

2024	Number	%	One year change	One year % change	Five year change	Five year % change
Ashford	1,070	16.5%	35	3.4%	120	12.6%
Canterbury	880	15.6%	35	4.1%	75	9.3%
Dartford	1,025	22.3%	30	3.0%	95	10.2%
Dover	675	18.2%	30	4.7%	90	15.4%
Folkestone & Hythe	585	15.7%	0	0.0%	5	0.9%
Gravesham	925	22.9%	-15	-1.6%	75	8.8%
Maidstone	1,575	19.9%	35	2.3%	145	10.1%
Sevenoaks	1,205	18.4%	10	0.8%	175	17.0%
Swale	1,050	20.3%	15	1.4%	85	8.8%
Thanet	860	19.0%	45	5.5%	155	22.0%
Tonbridge & Malling	1,215	20.0%	40	3.4%	225	22.7%
Tunbridge Wells	765	12.5%	15	2.0%	15	2.0%
Kent	11,835	18.3%	275	2.4%	1,265	12.0%
Medway	2,145	24.1%	45	2.1%	180	9.2%
Kent & Medway	13,980	19.0%	320	2.3%	1,445	11.5%
South East LEP	35,170	19.8%	740	2.1%	3,845	12.3%
South East Region	62,510	15.5%	775	1.3%	5,870	10.4%
England	332,020	14.0%	2,100	0.6%	32,995	11.0%
Great Britain	368,835	13.9%	2,450	0.7%	35,640	10.7%

Source: UK Business Counts

Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

The highest concentration of construction enterprises in the county were in the Thames Gateway Kent districts of Dartford (22.3%), Gravesham (22.9%) and Swale (20.3%). The wider Thames Gateway is one of Europe's largest regeneration areas stretching from London, through Essex and Kent.

Maidstone district had the highest number of construction enterprises in the county (1,575) accounting for 19.9% of all enterprises in the district. Folkestone & Hythe had the fewest number of construction enterprises (585) while Tunbridge Wells had the lowest proportion (12.5%).

The distribution of construction enterprises in Kent and Medway is shown in map 1. The map shows there is high density of enterprises in Thanet, Maidstone, Tonbridge & Malling and Ashford. This contrasts with Folkestone & Hythe, Dover, Tunbridge Wells and Canterbury that do not have any of the highest density areas in their districts.

Map 1: Construction industry enterprises in Kent & Medway

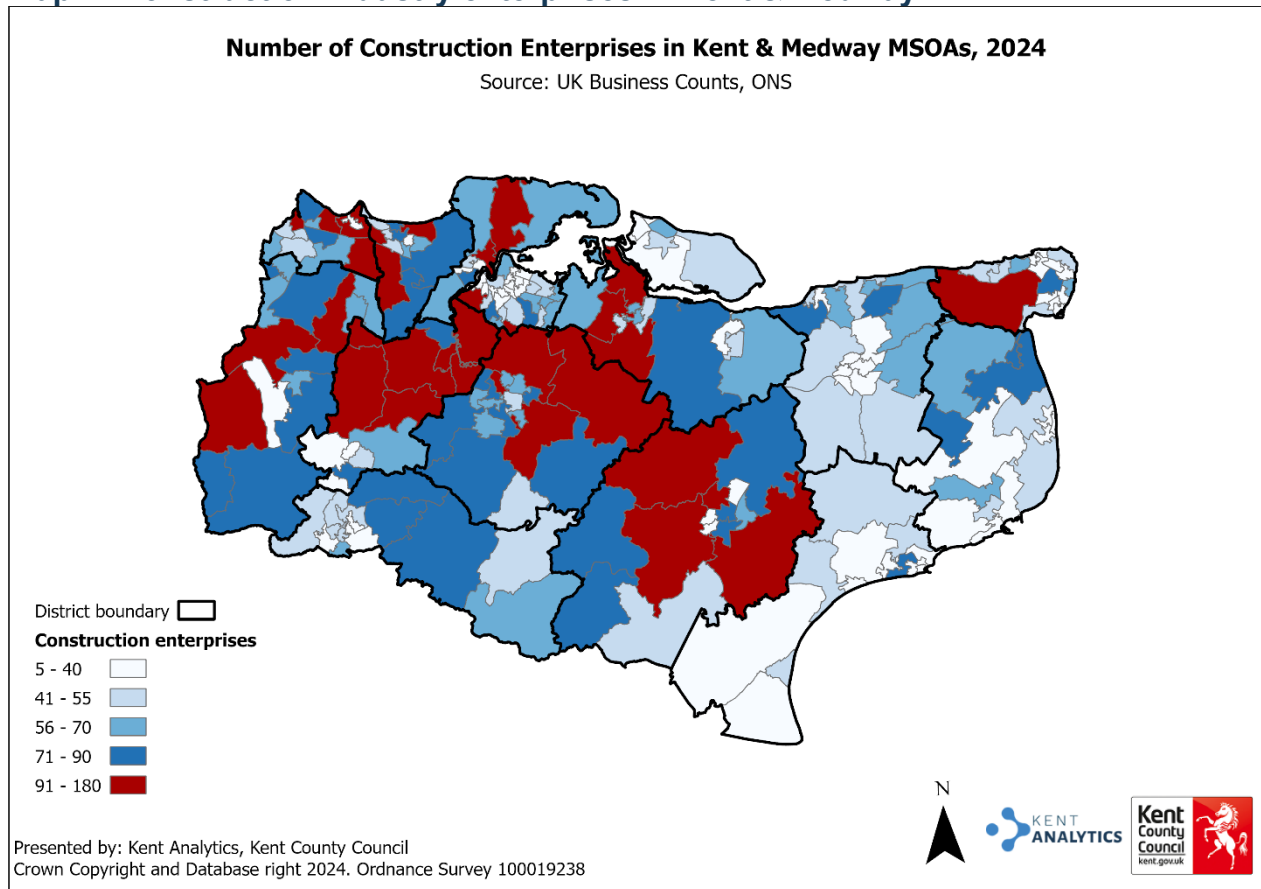


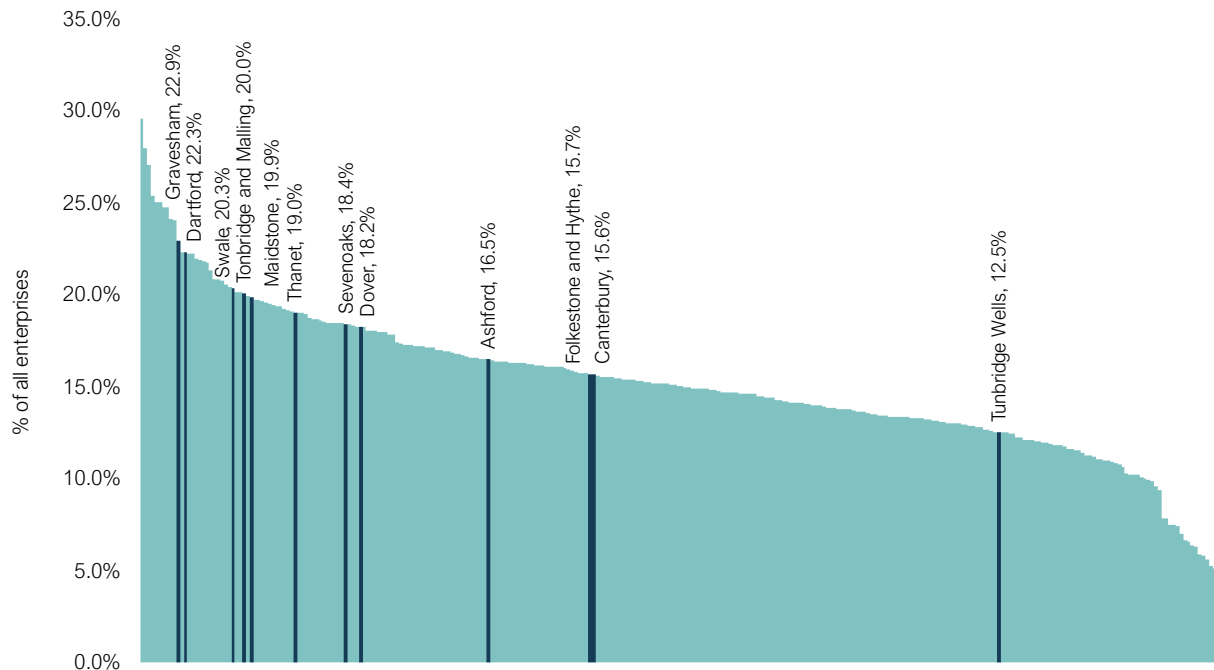
Chart 1 overleaf shows the proportion of construction enterprises in local authorities in England. Table 16 in the annex at the end of this bulletin lists construction enterprises as a proportion of total enterprises in all 296 local authorities in England, in order of the local authority with the highest proportion of construction enterprises to the least.

Seven of Kent's local authority districts are within the top 20% of authorities in England with the highest proportion of construction enterprises (18.3% or more). In Medway 24.1% of enterprises are construction enterprises, the tenth highest in the country. In Kent,

Gravesham has the highest proportion of construction enterprises (22.9%), the eleventh highest proportion in the country.

Chart 1: Construction industry enterprises in England

Concentration of Construction Industry enterprises in local authorities in England, 2024

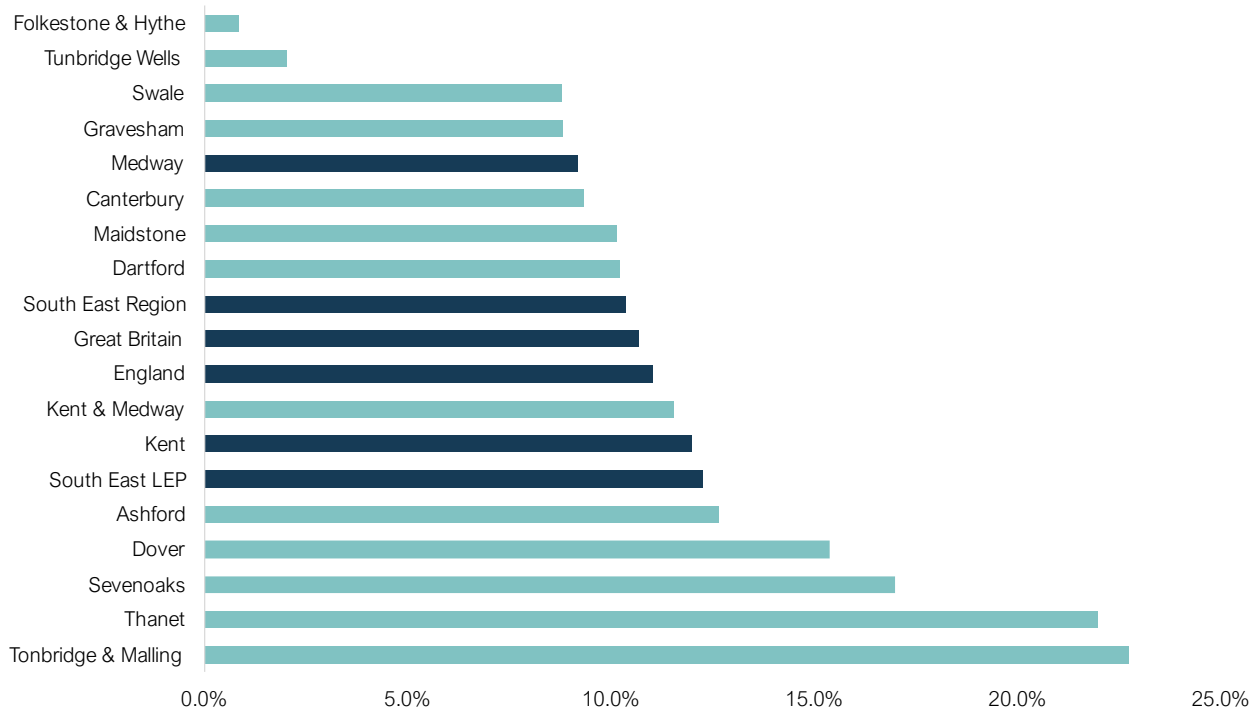


Source: UK Business Counts, ONS
Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Over the last five years the number of construction industry enterprises has grown in all Kent local authorities. Tonbridge & Malling district saw the largest growth in Kent in number and percentage terms (225 additional enterprises, +22.7%). The 5-year percentage change in construction enterprises in Kent districts is shown in chart 2.

Chart 2: Five-year growth in construction enterprises

5 year change in Construction industry enterprises, 2019 to 2024



Source: UK Business Counts, ONS
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The construction sector is made up of three main subsectors: construction of buildings (residential and non-residential), civil engineering (construction of roads, railways, and utilities projects) and specialised construction activities (demolition, electrical, plumbing, and other construction installation).

Specialised construction activities account for almost two thirds of construction enterprises in Kent (64.1%).

Specialised construction activities account for the largest proportion of construction enterprises for all the Kent districts. The highest was in Dartford where 68.3% of construction enterprises were specialised construction activities, the lowest was in Dover (58.5%).

Ashford and Dover had a higher proportion of civil engineering enterprises than other Kent districts.

Table 2: Construction enterprises – subsectors

2024	Total Construction Enterprises	Number Construction of buildings	Number Civil engineering	Number Specialised construction activities
Ashford	1,070	305	110	655
Canterbury	880	265	80	535
Dartford	1,025	265	60	700
Dover	675	200	80	395
Folkestone & Hythe	585	155	55	375
Gravesham	925	250	65	610
Maidstone	1,575	400	130	1,050
Sevenoaks	1,205	400	45	755
Swale	1,050	250	100	705
Thanet	860	260	55	545
Tonbridge & Malling	1,215	345	60	805
Tunbridge Wells	765	275	35	455
Kent	11,835	3,370	875	7,590
Medway	2,145	470	150	1,525
Kent & Medway	13,980	3,840	1,025	9,115
South East LEP	35,170	9,695	2,125	23,345
South East Region	62,510	18,920	3,490	40,095
England	332,020	109,355	18,945	203,725
Great Britain	368,835	118,270	21,490	229,075

Source: UK Business Counts

Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Looking in more detail at the enterprises which are classified as construction based it shows that in fact electrical, plumbing, and other construction installation activities made up the biggest proportion of construction businesses. Building completion and finishing made up the second largest proportion.

Table 3 shows the proportion of construction enterprises in Kent, Medway, the South East and England in more detail.

Table 3: Detailed construction enterprises

2024 Construction of buildings	Kent	Medway	South East	England
Development of building projects	10.4%	4.9%	11.1%	12.4%
Construction of residential and non-residential buildings	17.7%	16.8%	19.0%	20.5%
2024 Civil engineering	Kent	Medway	South East	England
Construction of roads and railways	2.9%	2.3%	1.6%	1.6%
Construction of utility projects	0.4%	0.7%	0.4%	0.5%
Construction of other civil engineering projects	3.9%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
2024 Specialised construction activities	Kent	Medway	South East	England
Demolition and site preparation	1.3%	0.9%	1.0%	1.0%
Electrical, plumbing and other construction installation activities	29.4%	31.7%	29.4%	27.4%
Building completion and finishing	20.4%	24.5%	21.9%	22.2%
Other specialised construction activities n.e.c.	11.3%	12.4%	10.7%	10.0%

Source: UK Business Counts

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The majority of construction enterprises are micro enterprises (employing 0-9 people) than the average for total industries. 11,295 micro enterprises accounted for 95.4% of construction enterprises in Kent.

In comparison Kent had 10 construction enterprises that were large enterprises employing 250 or more employees. They accounted for 0.1% of all construction enterprises.

The number of construction enterprises in Kent and Kent districts by employment size band are shown in table 4.

Table 4: Construction enterprises - size bands

2024	Total	Micro (0 to 9)	Small (10 to 49)	Medium (50 to 249)	Large (250+)
Ashford	1,070	1,025	45	5	0
Canterbury	880	850	30	5	0
Dartford	1,025	965	50	10	5
Dover	675	645	30	5	0
Folkestone & Hythe	585	555	25	5	0
Gravesham	925	890	35	5	0
Maidstone	1,575	1,500	70	10	0
Sevenoaks	1,205	1,140	60	5	0
Swale	1,050	1,005	40	5	0
Thanet	860	825	30	5	0
Tonbridge & Malling	1,215	1,145	60	5	0
Tunbridge Wells	765	745	15	0	0
Kent	11,835	11,295	480	55	10
Medway	2,145	2,050	85	10	0
Kent & Medway	13,980	13,345	560	65	10
South East LEP	35,170	33,635	1,370	145	20
South East Region	62,510	59,655	2,555	260	40
England	332,020	315,290	14,860	1,615	255
Great Britain	368,835	349,200	17,385	1,955	295

Source: UK Business Counts

Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Almost two thirds of Kent construction enterprises (62.8%) had an annual turnover of up to £199,000, which reflects a similar picture to that seen nationally (63.0%) and regionally (63.1%). Almost one in five (19.0%) of the construction enterprises in the South East region who have an annual turnover higher than £199,000 were Kent based enterprises.

Table 5 shows the number of construction enterprises in Kent, Medway, the South East and England by turnover.

Table 5: Construction enterprise turnover

2024	Kent	Medway	South East	England
Total	11,835	2,145	62,510	332,020
0 to 49 (£ thousand)	975	150	4,955	27,395
50 to 99 (£ thousand)	2,465	570	12,545	64,820
100 to 199 (£ thousand)	3,995	735	21,925	117,000
200 to 499 (£ thousand)	1,870	305	10,285	55,275
500 to 999 (£ thousand)	1,165	185	6,135	32,415
1000 to 1999 (£ thousand)	660	90	3,285	17,030
2000 to 4999 (£ thousand)	445	70	2,150	11,100
5000 to 9999 (£ thousand)	140	20	640	3,635
10000 to 49999 (£ thousand)	100	25	495	2,765
50000+ (£ thousand)	15	0	90	590

Source: UK Business Counts

Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Employee jobs in construction industries

The Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) provides us with estimates of the number of employee jobs by industrial sector.

BRES does not cover the very small businesses neither registered for VAT nor PAYE, neither does it include self-employed workers unless they are registered for VAT or PAYE.

All data is rounded to the nearest hundred. Percentages are calculated using unrounded data.

In 2023 there were 44,000 employee jobs in the construction industry in Kent accounting for 6.8% of all jobs in the county. This was a higher proportion than seen both regionally (4.8%) and nationally (4.7%).

The highest number of construction jobs in 2023 was in Dartford (7,000) whereas Sevenoaks had the highest proportion (13.0%).

Since 2018 construction jobs in Kent increased by 12.8%. In the South East there was a fall of 1.7% and a rise nationally of 8.1%. Over the last five years Gravesham, Maidstone and Swale saw no increase in the number of construction jobs. The biggest increase in this time period was in Dartford (+1,500 jobs). The biggest percentage increase was seen in Dover (+30.8%).

Table 6 shows the number and proportion of employee jobs in construction in Kent and Kent districts.

Table 6: Construction employee jobs

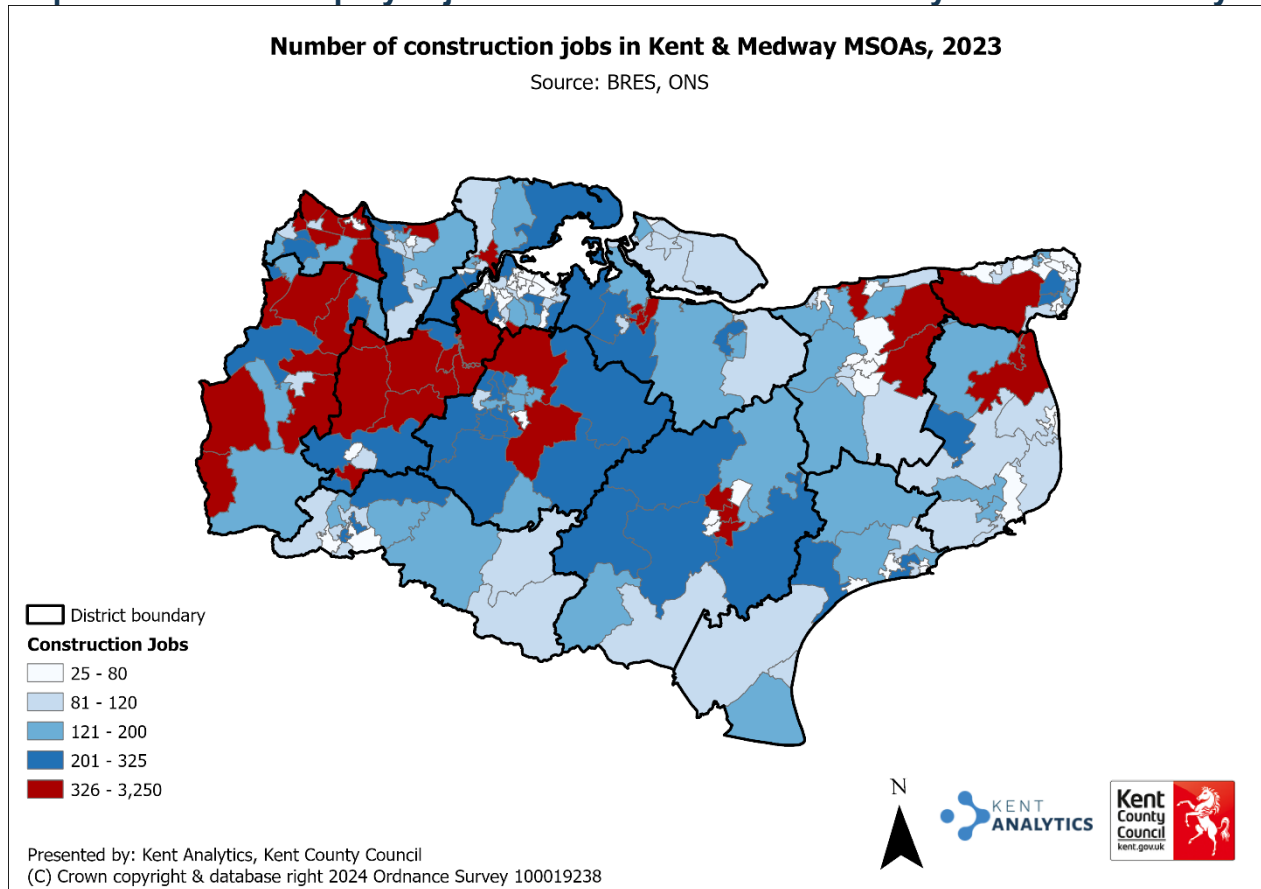
2023	Number	%	One year change	One year % change	Five year change	Five year % change
Ashford	3,800	6.0%	-300	-6.3%	800	25.0%
Canterbury	2,500	3.6%	0	0.0%	100	5.3%
Dartford	7,000	10.1%	0	0.0%	1,500	27.3%
Dover	2,100	5.7%	0	0.0%	500	30.8%
Folkestone & Hythe	1,900	5.1%	-100	-6.3%	300	15.4%
Gravesham	2,400	7.1%	-100	-5.0%	0	0.0%
Maidstone	5,500	7.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Sevenoaks	6,500	13.0%	500	8.3%	1,000	18.2%
Swale	3,300	6.1%	-300	-7.1%	0	0.0%
Thanet	2,500	5.9%	0	0.0%	400	17.6%
Tonbridge & Malling	5,000	7.6%	0	0.0%	800	17.6%
Tunbridge Wells	1,900	3.5%	-100	-6.3%	100	7.1%
Kent	44,000	6.8%	-500	-1.1%	5,000	12.8%
Medway	6,500	6.7%	-500	-7.1%	500	8.3%
Kent + Medway	51,000	6.8%	-500	-1.0%	6,000	13.3%
South East LEP	208,500	7.0%	-7,000	-5.6%	14,500	14.0%
South East	118,000	4.8%	-4,500	-2.1%	-3,500	-1.7%
England	1,298,500	4.7%	-1,500	-0.1%	97,000	8.1%
Great Britain	1,494,000	4.8%	-9,500	-0.6%	92,000	6.6%

Source: BRES

Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

The distribution of construction industry jobs in Kent and Medway is shown in map 2. The map shows that the highest density of employees in the Construction industry are in the Sevenoaks, Tonbridge & Malling, Maidstone, Dartford and Thanet districts. Gravesham, Sittingbourne, Ashford, Swale, Canterbury and Dover districts all have pockets of the highest density. Neither Folkestone & Hythe or Tunbridge Wells have any of the highest density in their district.

Map 2: Number of employee jobs in the Construction Industry in Kent & Medway

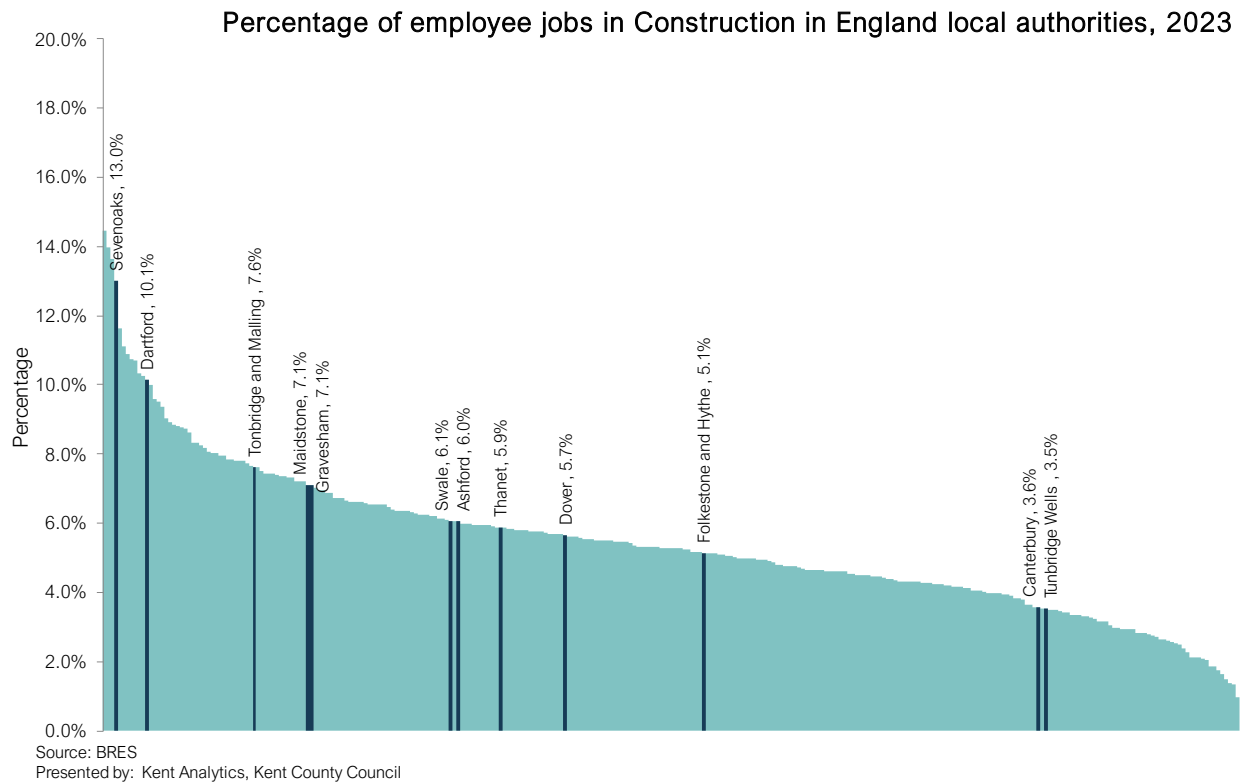


When compared to all other authorities in England, Sevenoaks (13.0%) and Dartford (10.1%) had the fourth and twelfth highest proportion of employees in the construction industry in the country (out of 296 local authorities).

Five Kent districts were within the top 20% of authorities in England with the highest proportion of construction employee jobs (6.9% or more). This is shown in chart 3 overleaf.

Table 17 in the annex at the end of this bulletin lists construction employee jobs as a proportion of total employee jobs in all 296 local authorities in England, in order of the local authority with the highest proportion of construction employee jobs to the least.

Chart 3: Employee jobs in construction in English authorities



51.1% (22,500) of all construction jobs in Kent were within specialised construction activities, largely in electrical, plumbing, and other construction installation jobs. In all Kent districts, specialised construction activities account for the largest proportion of construction jobs. In Canterbury, Gravesham and Swale over 60% of construction jobs were in specialised construction activities.

Over a third of construction jobs in Canterbury, Dartford, Folkestone & Hythe, Sevenoaks, Thanet, Tonbridge & Malling and Tunbridge Wells were involved with the construction of buildings. Ashford, Dover, Folkestone & Hythe Maidstone and Sevenoaks had a larger proportion of civil engineering jobs than the Kent average. This is shown in table 7 overleaf.

Table 7: Makeup of construction Industry employee jobs

2023	Total Construction jobs	Construction of buildings	Civil engineering	Specialised construction activities
Ashford	3,800	900	1,000	1,800
Canterbury	2,500	900	200	1,500
Dartford	7,000	2,800	300	3,800
Dover	2,100	700	300	1,000
Folkestone & Hythe	1,900	700	300	900
Gravesham	2,400	600	200	1,600
Maidstone	5,500	1,800	1,000	2,500
Sevenoaks	6,500	2,300	1,900	2,500
Swale	3,300	900	500	2,000
Thanet	2,500	1,000	200	1,300
Tonbridge & Malling	5,000	2,100	500	2,400
Tunbridge Wells	1,900	800	100	1,000
Kent	44,000	15,000	6,500	22,500
Medway	6,500	1,900	900	3,800
Kent + Medway	51,000	17,000	7,500	26,500
South East LEP	118,000	37,500	16,000	65,000
South East	208,500	73,500	26,000	109,500
England	1,298,500	447,500	167,500	683,500
Great Britain	1,494,000	501,500	203,000	789,500

Source: BRES

Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

When looking in greater detail, 29.5% of construction jobs in Kent were in electrical, plumbing, and other installation, and 26.1% were in the construction of residential and non-residential buildings.

Table 8: Detailed construction industry employee jobs

2023 Construction of buildings	Kent	Medway	South East	England
Development of building projects	8.5%	5.0%	9.6%	8.7%
Construction of residential and non-residential buildings	26.1%	23.1%	25.7%	25.7%
2023 Civil engineering	Kent	Medway	South East	England
Construction of roads and railways	7.4%	9.2%	5.0%	4.1%
Construction of utility projects	0.8%	0.5%	1.2%	1.0%
Construction of other civil engineering projects	6.3%	3.2%	6.2%	7.8%
2023 Specialised construction activities	Kent	Medway	South East	England
Demolition and site preparation	2.2%	0.8%	1.4%	2.0%
Electrical, plumbing and other construction installation activities	29.5%	32.7%	30.2%	27.5%
Building completion and finishing	10.8%	15.4%	12.5%	13.1%
Other specialised construction activities n.e.c.	9.1%	11.5%	8.2%	10.0%

Source: BRES

Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Construction industry occupations

Detailed information about the occupations in which residents work is available from the 2021 Census from ONS. This enables us to look at some industry specific occupations related to construction.

The data shows the occupations of the resident population; however, they may not work in Kent.

As of 2021, 11.0% of the working population of Kent were working in construction industry occupations. This is above the national average (8.7%). More than a quarter (27.9%) of those were resident in the Thames Gateway Kent districts of Dartford, Gravesham, and Swale.

Table 9: Employment in construction occupations, 2021

2021 Census	All in employment	Employed in Construction	% employed in construction
Ashford	63,616	6,985	11.0%
Canterbury	66,164	6,011	9.1%
Dartford	58,824	7,002	11.9%
Dover	50,926	4,981	9.8%
Folkestone and Hythe	47,823	5,226	10.9%
Gravesham	49,764	6,802	13.7%
Maidstone	86,404	10,442	12.1%
Sevenoaks	56,381	6,115	10.8%
Swale	69,200	8,499	12.3%
Thanet	59,192	6,101	10.3%
Tonbridge and Malling	64,425	7,123	11.1%
Tunbridge Wells	55,898	4,611	8.2%
Kent	728,618	79,897	11.0%
Medway	132,605	16,803	12.7%
South East LEP	1,985,935	225,788	11.4%
South East	4,471,779	403,450	9.0%
England	26,405,214	2,288,550	8.7%

Source: 2021 Census; Table DC6604EW - Occupation by Industry
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Table 10 shows the occupational groups of Kent residents working in construction. The largest proportion of these construction occupations is Skilled Trades occupations (44.1%). This is slightly below the regional (46.2%) and national (46.9%) proportion.

These occupations include:

Construction Building Trades – from building foundations, scaffolding, brick laying to roof covering. This also includes activities such as plumbing, electrical installation and carpentry.

Building completion activities - glazing, plastering, painting, floor, and wall tiling or covering with other materials like parquet, carpets, wallpaper.

Table 11 shows the skilled construction trade occupations in more detail.

Table 10: Occupations of those working in construction industry, 2021

2021 Census	Kent	Medway	South East	England
Total construction occupations	79,896	16,807	403,449	2,288,552
Managers, directors and senior officials	16.9%	13.6%	17.0%	14.7%
Professional occupations	8.9%	8.3%	8.7%	8.4%
Associate professional and technical occupations	5.4%	5.5%	5.3%	5.2%
Administrative and secretarial occupations	6.8%	6.5%	6.4%	6.1%
Skilled trades occupations	44.1%	45.3%	46.2%	46.9%
Caring, leisure and other service occupations	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%
Sales and customer service occupations	1.0%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%
Process, plant and machine operatives	9.1%	11.3%	7.7%	8.9%
Elementary occupations	7.4%	8.1%	7.2%	8.2%

Source: 2021 Census; Table DC6604EW – Occupation by Industry
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Table 11: People working in skilled construction trade occupations, 2011

2021 Census	Kent	Medway	South East	England
Skilled construction and building trades	26,849	5,555	145,918	832,863
Construction and Building Trades	74.7%	72.1%	74.5%	73.2%
Building Finishing Trades	19.4%	21.4%	21.5%	22.5%
Construction and Building Trades Supervisors	5.9%	6.5%	4.0%	4.3%

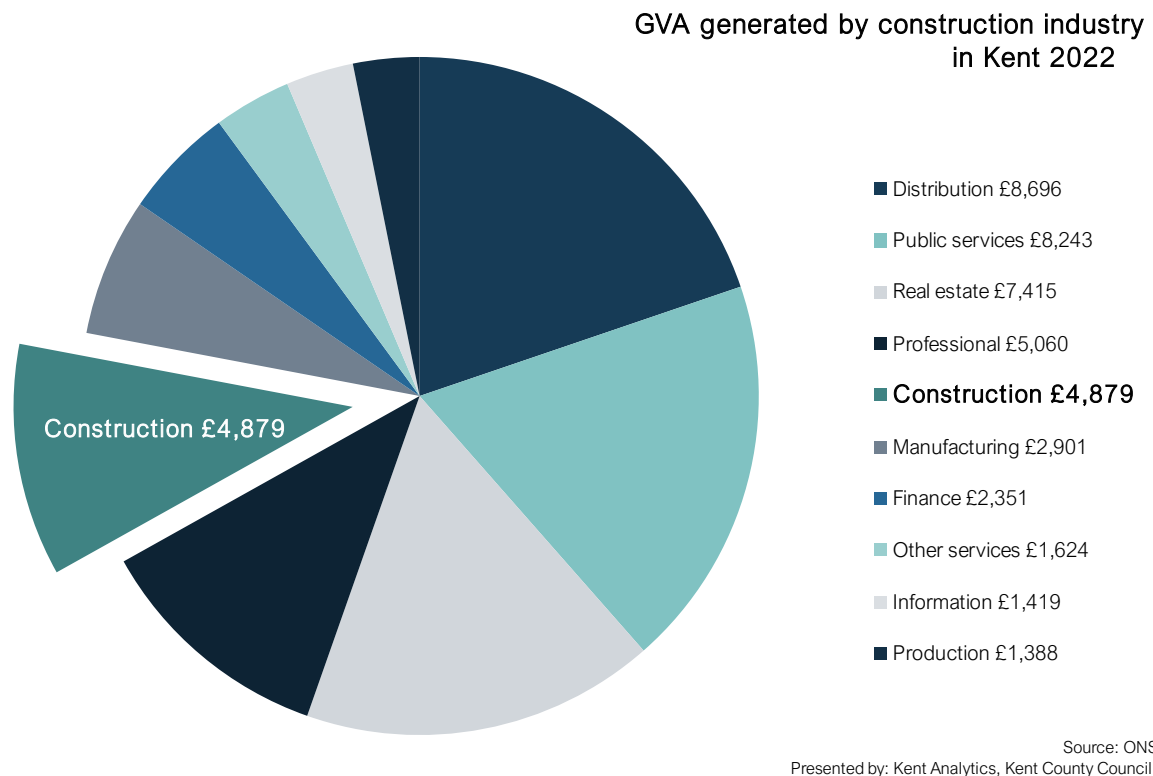
Source: 2011 Census; Table QS606EW - Occupation (Minor Groups)
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Construction GVA

Gross Value Added (GVA) is a measure of Output i.e., the value of the goods and services produced in the economy. It is primarily used to monitor the performance of the national economy and is now the measure preferred by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) to measure the overall economic well-being of an area. GVA estimates are available by industrial group down to local authority district level. The latest estimates are for 2022.

It is estimated that the GVA generated by the Kent construction industry (£4,879m) accounted for 11.1% of the total GVA generated in Kent in 2022. Construction GVA per head of population in Kent was £3,060, above the regional (£2,470) and national (£2,113) average.

Chart 4: Construction GVA in Kent

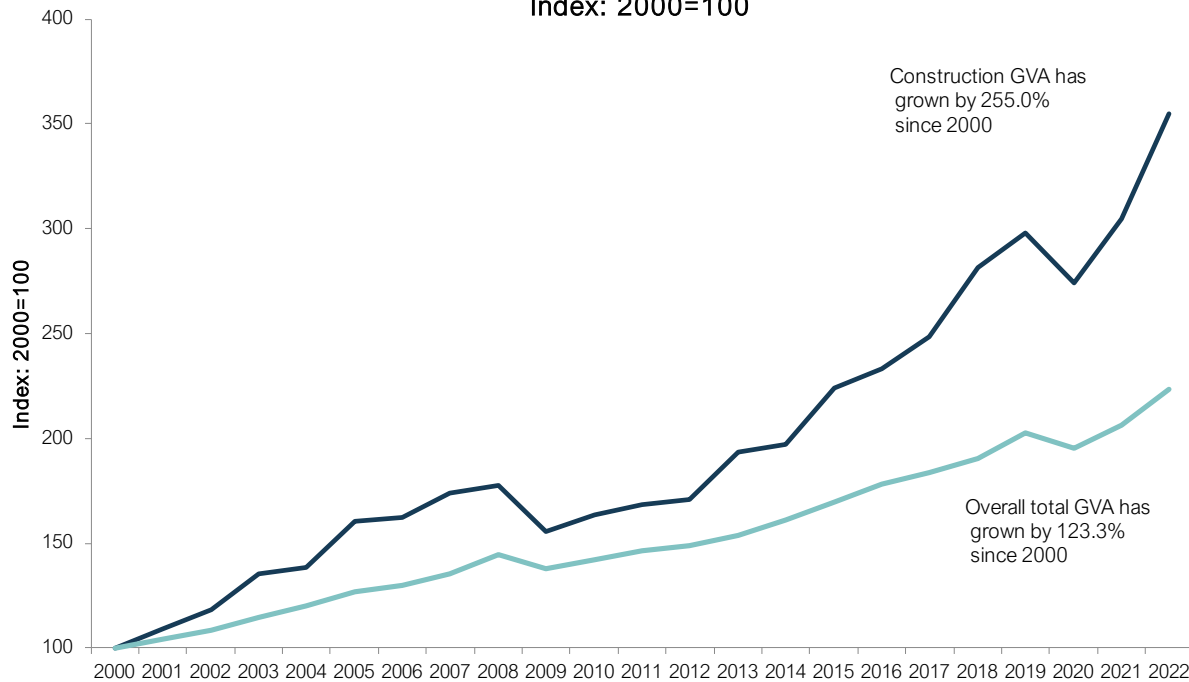


Construction GVA has grown considerably since 2000. By setting the same starting point for both construction and total GVA (2000 =100) we can more clearly see the differences in growth.

Chart 5 (overleaf) shows that overall, construction GVA has grown at a much faster rate than total GVA in Kent. It shows that construction was particularly badly hit during the last recession in 2009 but then grew at a faster rate following a recovery in 2010. However, between 2019 and 2020 and the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic construction industry GVA fell by 9.4% while total GVA fell at a lower rate (4.9%). 2021 saw the GVA growth begin to increase again and there has been a sharp increase in construction GVA between 2021 and 2022.

Chart 5: Growth in construction GVA compared to total GVA in Kent

Growth in construction GVA compared to total GVA growth in Kent
Index: 2000=100



Source: ONS
Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Dartford district had the highest estimated construction GVA in Kent in 2022 at local authority level (£830m) accounting for a fifth (20.7%) of the total GVA within the district, and the highest construction GVA per head of population (£6,986).

Dover district had the lowest construction GVA in Kent (£166m). However, Tunbridge Wells had the smallest proportion of construction GVA, accounting for 4.3% of the overall GVA generated in the district.

Table 12 overleaf shows construction GVA in Kent districts, Medway, the South East region and England in 2022.

Table 12: Construction GVA in Kent local authorities

2022	Total GVA (£m)	Total GVA per head (£)	Construction GVA (£m)	Construction GVA per head (£)
Ashford	3,536	26,050	365	2,689
Canterbury	4,009	25,328	262	1,655
Dartford	4,007	33,726	830	6,986
Dover	2,901	24,680	166	1,412
Folkestone & Hythe	2,473	22,409	213	1,930
Gravesham	2,156	20,174	268	2,508
Maidstone	5,190	28,742	606	3,356
Sevenoaks	4,548	37,533	719	5,934
Swale	3,360	21,734	316	2,044
Thanet	2,458	17,472	208	1,479
Tonbridge and Malling	5,328	39,861	753	5,634
Tunbridge Wells	4,010	34,517	173	1,489
Kent	43,976	27,580	4,879	3,060
Medway	6,715	23,758	698	2,470
Kent & Medway	50,691	27,005	5,577	2,971
South East	336,218	35,816	23,182	2,470
England	1,940,267	33,973	120,684	2,113

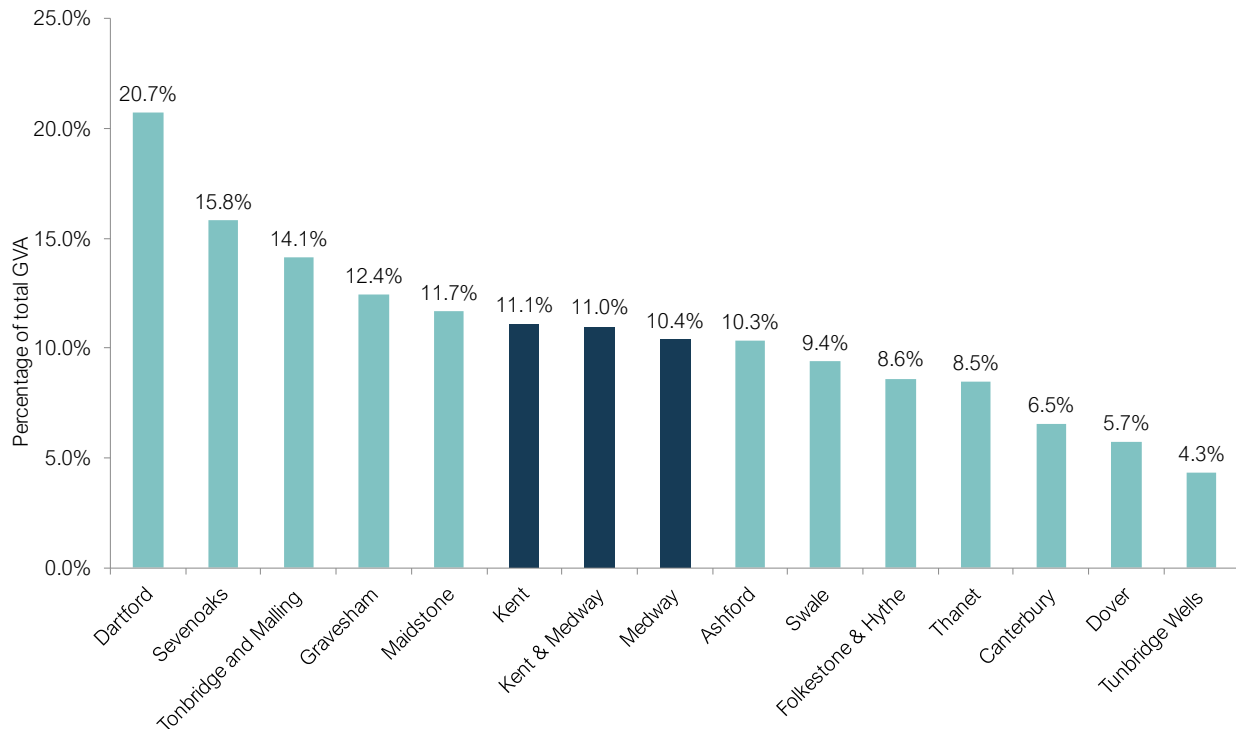
Source: ONS

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Chart 6 overleaf shows the proportion of GVA generated by construction industries in Kent local authorities.

Chart 6: Percentage of GVA generated by construction industries in Kent

Proportion of GVA generated by construction industries in Kent, 2022



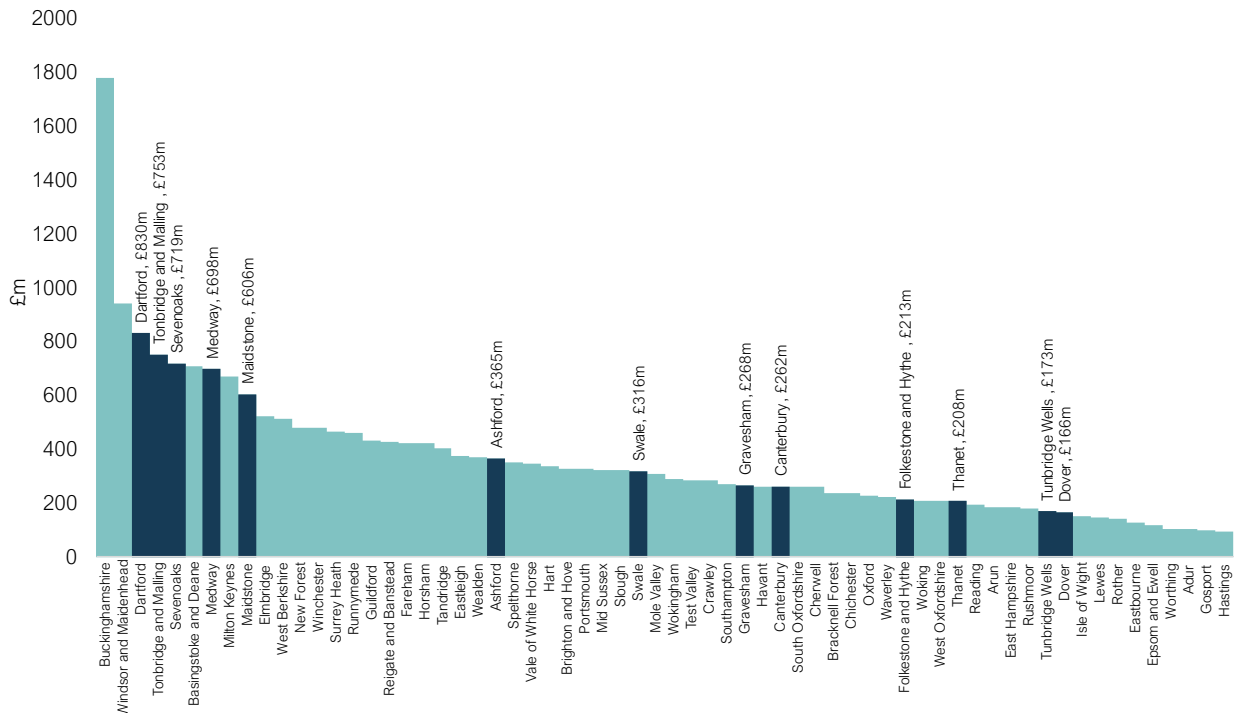
Source: ONS
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Chart 7 shows the amount of construction GVA generated in Kent local authorities compared to other authorities in the South East Region. Four of the top ten authorities with highest construction GVA were Kent authorities (Dartford, Tonbridge & Malling, Sevenoaks, and Maidstone) and between them accounted for over a tenth of the construction GVA generated in the South East (12.5%). Medway unitary authority had the seventh highest construction GVA in the region.

Table 18 in the annex at the end of this bulletin lists construction GVA (£m) generated in all South East local authorities, in order of the local authority with the highest construction GVA (£m) generated to the least.

Chart 7: GVA generated by construction industries in Kent

Construction GVA (£m) in South East local authorities, 2022



Source: ONS

Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Specialised construction activities accounted for over half of the GVA generated by construction industries in Kent.

In Kent districts, specialised construction activities generated the highest proportion of GVA in Canterbury, accounting for 68.7% of the construction GVA generated within the district. In Tonbridge & Malling, construction of buildings generated the biggest proportion of the district's construction GVA (44.2%). The highest proportion of civil engineering GVA was in Ashford (27.9%).

Table 13: Construction industry GVA – subsectors

2022	Total Construction GVA (£m)	Construction of buildings (£m)	Civil engineering (£m)	Specialised construction activities (£m)
Ashford	365	87	102	176
Canterbury	262	60	22	180
Dartford	830	292	189	350
Dover	166	41	26	99
Folkestone & Hythe	213	47	22	144
Gravesham	268	65	25	178
Maidstone	606	157	135	314
Sevenoaks	719	273	187	259
Swale	316	55	48	214
Thanet	208	54	17	137
Tonbridge & Malling	753	333	88	332
Tunbridge Wells	173	71	7	95
Kent	4,879	1,535	868	2,478
Medway	698	100	80	518
Kent & Medway	5,577	1,635	948	2,996
South East Region	23,182	6,792	4,239	12,150
England	120,684	42,378	21,735	56,571

Source: ONS

Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Apprenticeships in construction, planning and built environment

The Department for Education (DfE) publishes figures on apprenticeship starts and achievements by sector subject area.

Starts are counted as the number of people who have started on each apprenticeship programme in the given academic year. Achievements are recorded when a learner reaches an end point of assessment

Numbers are rounded to the nearest 10 at source. Values may be rounded down to zero and so all zeros are not necessarily true zeros. The latest annual data available is for academic year 2023/24.

There were 590 apprenticeship starts in construction, planning and built environment in Kent in 2023/24. This is a decrease (-60) in comparison to 2022/23.

Swale had the highest number of apprenticeships starts (80). This equates to 13.6% of all the apprenticeship starts in Kent. The lowest number of apprenticeships starts was in Tunbridge Wells with 20 starts which equates to 3.4% of all the starts in Kent.

A full breakdown of the apprenticeship starts broken down by district can be seen in Table 14.

Table 14: Construction, planning & built environment Apprenticeships starts by district

Apprenticeship starts	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Ashford	50	60	60	50
Canterbury	40	60	50	40
Dartford	30	50	50	50
Dover	40	70	50	40
Folkestone and Hythe	40	50	30	50
Gravesham	30	40	60	40
Maidstone	60	80	80	60
Sevenoaks	40	50	40	50
Swale	70	60	80	80
Thanet	50	70	50	50
Tonbridge and Malling	50	50	60	60
Tunbridge Wells	20	30	40	20
Kent	520	670	650	590
Medway	120	140	150	110

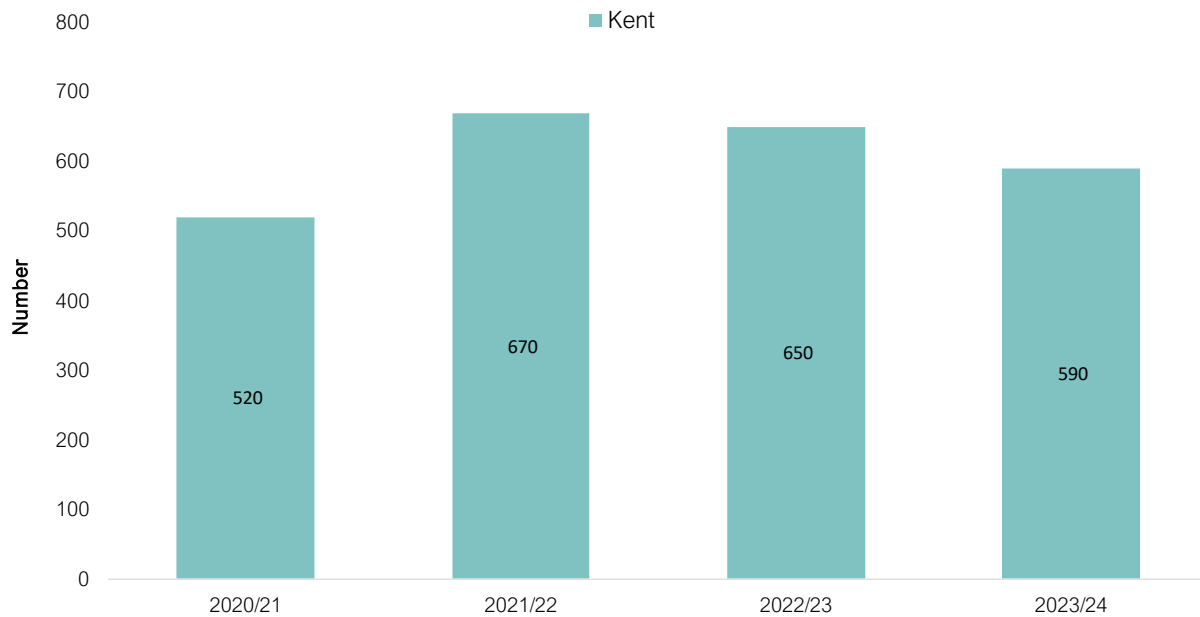
Source: Department for Education

Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Chart 8 overleaf shows apprenticeship starts in construction, planning and built environment in Kent between 2020/21 and 2023/24 and chart 9 overleaf shows apprenticeship starts in construction, planning and built environment in Kent districts in 2023/24 from the district with the most apprenticeship starts through to the district with the lowest.

Chart 8: Construction, planning & built environment Apprenticeship starts in Kent

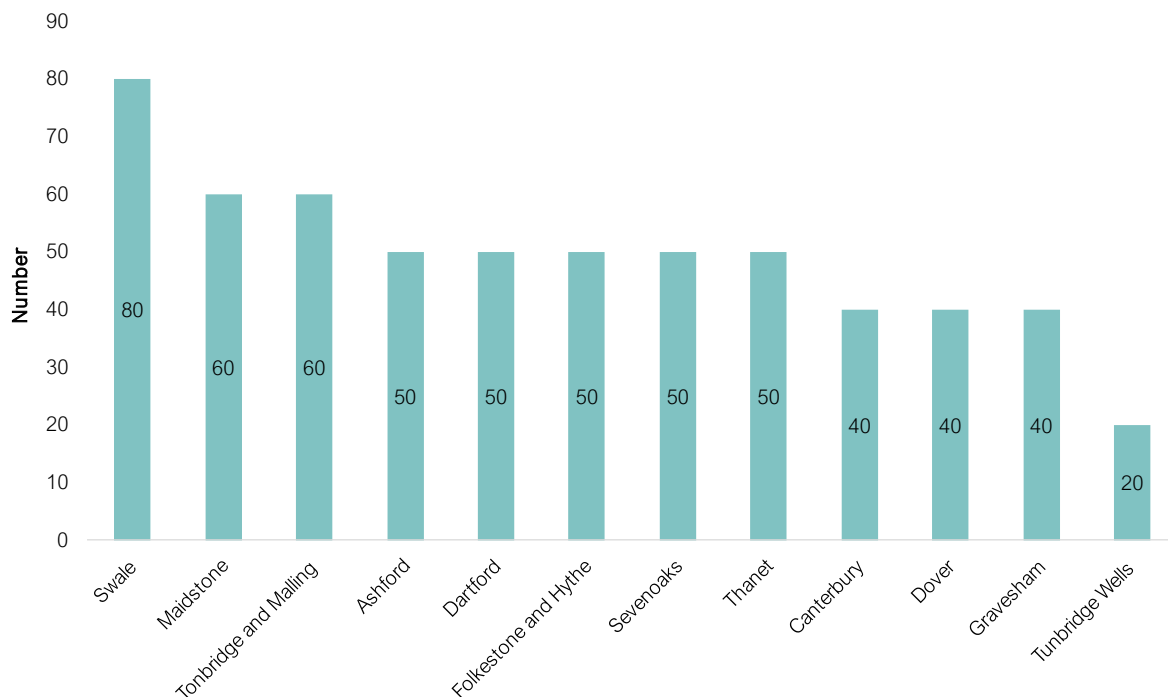
Apprenticeship starts in construction, planning & built environment



Source: Department for Education
Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Chart 9: Construction, planning & built environment Apprenticeship starts in Kent by district 2023/24

Apprenticeship starts in construction, planning & built environment 2023/24



Source: Department for Education
Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

There were 270 Kent apprenticeship achievements in construction, planning and built environment in 2023/24. This was an increase of 100 from the previous year.

A full breakdown of apprenticeship achievements can be seen in table 15.

Table 15: Construction, planning & built environment apprenticeship achievements

Apprenticeship achievements	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Ashford	30	20	20	20
Canterbury	20	10	10	20
Dartford	20	10	10	20
Dover	30	10	10	30
Folkestone and Hythe	20	20	10	30
Gravesham	10	10	10	20
Maidstone	30	30	20	30
Sevenoaks	10	10	10	20
Swale	30	20	30	30
Thanet	20	30	20	20
Tonbridge and Malling	20	20	10	20
Tunbridge Wells	10	10	10	10
Kent	250	200	170	270
Medway	120	80	40	40

Source: Department for Education

Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

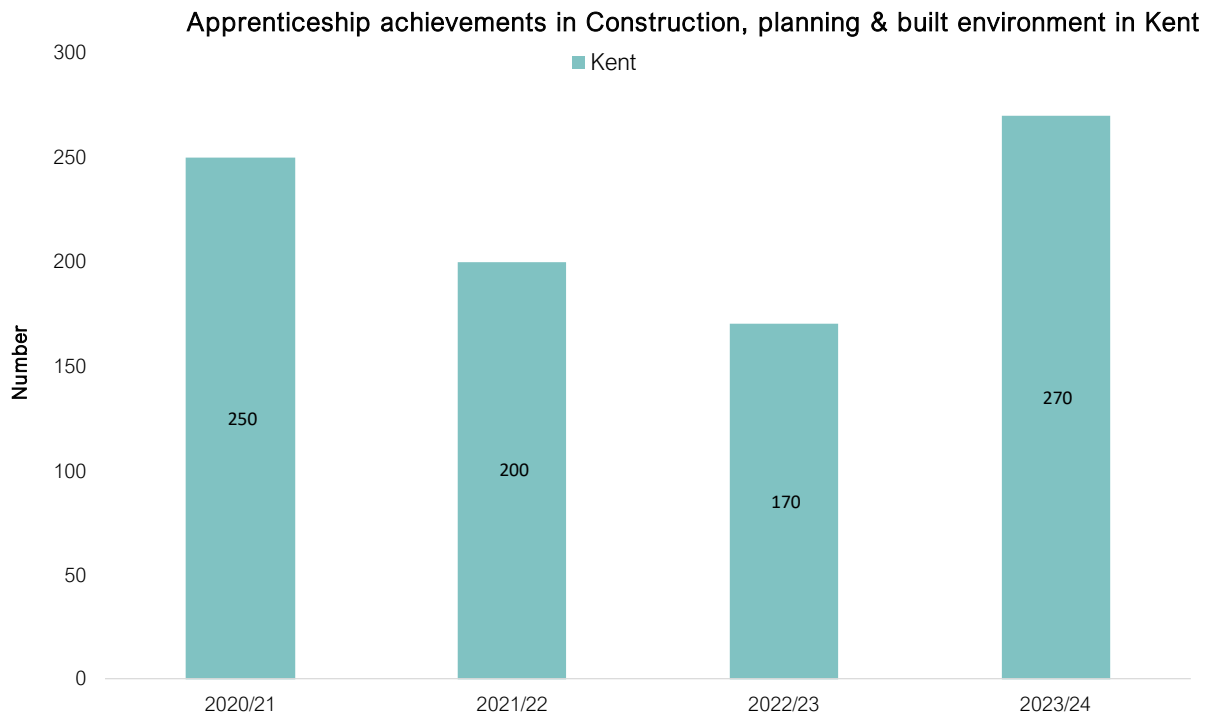
Dover, Folkestone & Hythe, Maidstone and Swale saw the highest number of apprenticeship achievements in construction planning and built environment in 2023/24 (30 each).

Eight Kent districts saw an increase in the number of apprenticeship achievements since the previous year, with Dover and Folkestone & Hythe jointly seeing the biggest increase each with 20 more apprenticeship achievements.

Ashford, Swale, Thanet and Tunbridge Wells saw no change in the number of apprenticeship achievements since 2022/23.

Chart 10 overleaf shows apprenticeship achievements in construction, planning and built environment in Kent between 2020/21 and 2023/24 and chart 11 overleaf shows apprenticeship achievements in construction, planning and built environment in Kent districts in 2023/24 from the district with the most apprenticeship achievements through to the district with the lowest.

Chart 10: Construction, planning & built environment apprenticeship achievements in Kent



Source: Department for Education
Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Chart 11: Construction, planning & built environment apprenticeship achievements in Kent by district 2023/24



Source: Department for Education
Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Annexe

Table 16: Construction enterprises as a proportion of total enterprises in English local authorities 2024

Local authority name (2024)	Local authority code (2024)	% Construction enterprises
Castle Point	E07000069	29.6%
Havering	E09000016	27.9%
Havant	E07000090	27.0%
Broxbourne	E07000095	25.3%
Basildon	E07000066	25.0%
Barking and Dagenham	E09000002	25.0%
Thurrock	E06000034	24.8%
Bexley	E09000004	24.7%
Rochford	E07000075	24.1%
Medway	E06000035	24.1%
Gravesham	E07000109	22.9%
Harlow	E07000073	22.3%
Dartford	E07000107	22.3%
Epping Forest	E07000072	22.2%
Maldon	E07000074	22.2%
Adur	E07000223	21.9%
Cannock Chase	E07000192	21.8%
Tendring	E07000076	21.8%
Sutton	E09000029	21.7%
Gosport	E07000088	21.3%
Broadland	E07000144	20.8%
Braintree	E07000067	20.8%
Portsmouth	E06000044	20.7%
Central Bedfordshire	E06000056	20.5%
Brentwood	E07000068	20.4%
Swale	E07000113	20.3%
South Staffordshire	E07000196	20.1%
Gedling	E07000173	20.1%
Tonbridge and Malling	E07000115	20.0%
Knowsley	E08000011	19.9%
Maidstone	E07000110	19.9%
South Gloucestershire	E06000025	19.7%
Blaby	E07000129	19.7%
Plymouth	E06000026	19.7%
Tandridge	E07000215	19.6%
King's Lynn and West Norfolk	E07000146	19.5%

Local authority name (2024)	Local authority code (2024)	% Construction enterprises
Fenland	E07000010	19.4%
Ashfield	E07000170	19.4%
Eastleigh	E07000086	19.3%
North Kesteven	E07000139	19.2%
Stevenage	E07000243	19.1%
Waltham Forest	E09000031	19.1%
Thanet	E07000114	19.0%
North East Derbyshire	E07000038	19.0%
Mansfield	E07000174	19.0%
Fareham	E07000087	18.9%
Wigan	E08000010	18.7%
Chelmsford	E07000070	18.7%
Spelthorne	E07000213	18.6%
Hillingdon	E09000017	18.6%
Barnsley	E08000016	18.5%
Rotherham	E08000018	18.5%
East Cambridgeshire	E07000009	18.5%
Reigate and Banstead	E07000211	18.5%
Tamworth	E07000199	18.5%
Enfield	E09000010	18.4%
Sevenoaks	E07000111	18.4%
Arun	E07000224	18.3%
Erewash	E07000036	18.3%
Bracknell Forest	E06000036	18.3%
Dover	E07000108	18.2%
Redbridge	E09000026	18.2%
Wealden	E07000065	18.0%
Colchester	E07000071	18.0%
Rushmoor	E07000092	18.0%
Broxtowe	E07000172	18.0%
Bromley	E09000006	18.0%
Torbay	E06000027	17.9%
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	E06000058	17.8%
Luton	E06000032	17.8%
Hastings	E07000062	17.4%
Dacorum	E07000096	17.3%
Welwyn Hatfield	E07000241	17.3%
Lincoln	E07000138	17.3%
Amber Valley	E07000032	17.3%
East Hertfordshire	E07000242	17.2%
Bolsover	E07000033	17.2%

Local authority name (2024)	Local authority code (2024)	% Construction enterprises
Uttlesford	E07000077	17.2%
Gloucester	E07000081	17.1%
Dudley	E08000027	17.1%
Hartlepool	E06000001	17.1%
Southend-on-Sea	E06000033	17.0%
South Holland	E07000140	16.9%
Redditch	E07000236	16.9%
Rother	E07000064	16.9%
Epsom and Ewell	E07000208	16.8%
Croydon	E09000008	16.8%
South Ribble	E07000126	16.8%
Harrow	E09000015	16.7%
Swindon	E06000030	16.6%
Three Rivers	E07000102	16.6%
Wyre	E07000128	16.6%
Tameside	E08000008	16.6%
Hertsmere	E07000098	16.5%
Lewes	E07000063	16.5%
Ashford	E07000105	16.5%
Wyre Forest	E07000239	16.4%
North East Lincolnshire	E06000012	16.3%
Bassetlaw	E07000171	16.3%
Runnymede	E07000212	16.3%
North Warwickshire	E07000218	16.3%
St. Helens	E08000013	16.3%
County Durham	E06000047	16.3%
Lichfield	E07000194	16.3%
Mid Suffolk	E07000203	16.3%
Newham	E09000025	16.2%
Breckland	E07000143	16.2%
Eastbourne	E07000061	16.2%
Mid Sussex	E07000228	16.2%
Chorley	E07000118	16.1%
Babergh	E07000200	16.1%
Watford	E07000103	16.1%
Wakefield	E08000036	16.1%
New Forest	E07000091	16.1%
Worthing	E07000229	16.0%
West Lindsey	E07000142	16.0%
Bedford	E06000055	16.0%
Solihull	E08000029	15.9%

Local authority name (2024)	Local authority code (2024)	% Construction enterprises
Huntingdonshire	E07000011	15.9%
Dorset	E06000059	15.8%
Doncaster	E08000017	15.7%
Forest of Dean	E07000080	15.7%
Cornwall	E06000052	15.7%
Folkestone and Hythe	E07000112	15.7%
Canterbury	E07000106	15.6%
West Northamptonshire	E06000062	15.6%
Bromsgrove	E07000234	15.5%
Tewkesbury	E07000083	15.5%
Stockton-on-Tees	E06000004	15.5%
Basingstoke and Deane	E07000084	15.5%
Brent	E09000005	15.4%
Hinckley and Bosworth	E07000132	15.4%
East Devon	E07000040	15.4%
Redcar and Cleveland	E06000003	15.4%
Teignbridge	E07000045	15.3%
Hyndburn	E07000120	15.3%
Great Yarmouth	E07000145	15.3%
Sefton	E08000014	15.3%
Sunderland	E08000024	15.2%
Kingston upon Hull, City of	E06000010	15.2%
Rochdale	E08000005	15.2%
Hart	E07000089	15.2%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	E07000195	15.2%
Rossendale	E07000125	15.2%
North Somerset	E06000024	15.1%
Middlesbrough	E06000002	15.1%
Ealing	E09000009	15.1%
East Hampshire	E07000085	15.0%
Walsall	E08000030	15.0%
South Norfolk	E07000149	15.0%
Barnet	E09000003	14.9%
West Suffolk	E07000245	14.9%
South Derbyshire	E07000039	14.9%
Southampton	E06000045	14.9%
North Norfolk	E07000147	14.9%
South Tyneside	E08000023	14.9%
Calderdale	E08000033	14.8%
West Oxfordshire	E07000181	14.8%
Oldham	E08000004	14.7%

Local authority name (2024)	Local authority code (2024)	% Construction enterprises
South Kesteven	E07000141	14.7%
East Riding of Yorkshire	E06000011	14.6%
Merton	E09000024	14.6%
Isle of Wight	E06000046	14.6%
Greenwich	E09000011	14.6%
Crawley	E07000226	14.6%
Charnwood	E07000130	14.6%
Exeter	E07000041	14.6%
Somerset	E06000066	14.6%
Vale of White Horse	E07000180	14.6%
Horsham	E07000227	14.4%
North West Leicestershire	E07000134	14.4%
East Suffolk	E07000244	14.4%
Test Valley	E07000093	14.4%
Mole Valley	E07000210	14.4%
Gateshead	E08000037	14.3%
Newark and Sherwood	E07000175	14.2%
Staffordshire Moorlands	E07000198	14.2%
Burnley	E07000117	14.2%
North Lincolnshire	E06000013	14.1%
Buckinghamshire	E06000060	14.1%
West Berkshire	E06000037	14.1%
Stroud	E07000082	14.1%
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Wirral	E08000015	14.0%
West Lancashire	E07000127	14.0%
Lancaster	E07000121	13.9%
North Tyneside	E08000022	13.9%
Torridge	E07000046	13.9%
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Bury	E08000002	13.8%
Melton	E07000133	13.8%
North Devon	E07000043	13.8%
Wiltshire	E06000054	13.8%
South Cambridgeshire	E07000012	13.8%
Stoke-on-Trent	E06000021	13.7%
Nuneaton and Bedworth	E07000219	13.6%
Bath and North East Somerset	E06000022	13.6%
Mid Devon	E07000042	13.6%
Chesterfield	E07000034	13.5%

Local authority name (2024)	Local authority code (2024)	% Construction enterprises
South Oxfordshire	E07000179	13.5%
Pendle	E07000122	13.5%
Chichester	E07000225	13.4%
Boston	E07000136	13.4%
East Lindsey	E07000137	13.4%
Darlington	E06000005	13.4%
Halton	E06000006	13.4%
South Hams	E07000044	13.3%
North Hertfordshire	E07000099	13.3%
Rushcliffe	E07000176	13.3%
Guildford	E07000209	13.3%
York	E06000014	13.3%
Ipswich	E07000202	13.3%
East Staffordshire	E07000193	13.3%
Westmorland and Furness	E06000064	13.3%
Slough	E06000039	13.2%
Wolverhampton	E08000031	13.2%
Hounslow	E09000018	13.1%
Cherwell	E07000177	13.1%
Telford and Wrekin	E06000020	13.1%
Kirklees	E08000034	13.1%
Preston	E07000123	13.0%
Bolton	E08000001	13.0%
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Northumberland	E06000057	13.0%
Shropshire	E06000051	12.9%
Wokingham	E06000041	12.9%
Stafford	E07000197	12.9%
Cheltenham	E07000078	12.8%
Leeds	E08000035	12.8%
Derby	E06000015	12.8%
Cumberland	E06000063	12.7%
Stockport	E08000007	12.6%
High Peak	E07000037	12.6%
Oadby and Wigston	E07000135	12.5%
Tunbridge Wells	E07000116	12.5%
Kingston upon Thames	E09000021	12.5%
Warrington	E06000007	12.5%
Liverpool	E08000012	12.4%
Sandwell	E08000028	12.4%
Sheffield	E08000019	12.2%

Local authority name (2024)	Local authority code (2024)	% Construction enterprises
Herefordshire, County of	E06000019	12.2%
North Yorkshire	E06000065	12.1%
Ribble Valley	E07000124	12.1%
Peterborough	E06000031	12.1%
Woking	E07000217	12.0%
Coventry	E08000026	12.0%
Haringey	E09000014	12.0%
Harborough	E07000131	11.9%
Malvern Hills	E07000235	11.8%
Worcester	E07000237	11.8%
Rutland	E06000017	11.8%
Bradford	E08000032	11.8%
Bristol, City of	E06000023	11.8%
Stratford-on-Avon	E07000221	11.6%
Fylde	E07000119	11.6%
St Albans	E07000240	11.5%
Milton Keynes	E06000042	11.5%
Elmbridge	E07000207	11.4%
Cheshire West and Chester	E06000050	11.2%
West Devon	E07000047	11.2%
Winchester	E07000094	11.2%
Derbyshire Dales	E07000035	11.1%
Lewisham	E09000023	11.0%
Brighton and Hove	E06000043	11.0%
Rugby	E07000220	10.9%
Salford	E08000006	10.9%
Waverley	E07000216	10.8%
Cheshire East	E06000049	10.8%
Newcastle upon Tyne	E08000021	10.6%
Trafford	E08000009	10.3%
Cotswold	E07000079	10.2%
Nottingham	E06000018	10.2%
Reading	E06000038	10.2%
Windsor and Maidenhead	E06000040	10.1%
Isles of Scilly	E06000053	10.0%
Birmingham	E08000025	9.9%
Warwick	E07000222	9.8%
Norwich	E07000148	9.6%
Blackburn with Darwen	E06000008	9.4%
Richmond upon Thames	E09000027	7.8%
Manchester	E08000003	7.8%

Local authority name (2024)	Local authority code (2024)	% Construction enterprises
Wandsworth	E09000032	7.5%
Lambeth	E09000022	7.4%
Leicester	E06000016	7.4%
Oxford	E07000178	7.0%
Cambridge	E07000008	6.6%
Hackney	E09000012	6.5%
Hammersmith and Fulham	E09000013	6.3%
Islington	E09000019	6.2%
Southwark	E09000028	5.8%
Kensington and Chelsea	E09000020	5.8%
Westminster	E09000033	5.6%
Tower Hamlets	E09000030	5.2%
Camden	E09000007	5.1%
City of London	E09000001	3.1%

Source: UK Business Counts, ONS

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Table 17: Construction employee jobs as a proportion of total employee jobs in English local authorities 2023

Local authority name (2023)	Local authority code (2023)	% Construction employee jobs
Three Rivers	E07000102	14.5%
Brentwood	E07000068	14.0%
Epping Forest	E07000072	13.6%
Sevenoaks	E07000111	13.0%
Mid Suffolk	E07000203	11.6%
Broxbourne	E07000095	11.1%
South Ribble	E07000126	10.9%
Mole Valley	E07000210	10.8%
Maldon	E07000074	10.7%
Rochford	E07000075	10.3%
Hertsmere	E07000098	10.3%
Dartford	E07000107	10.1%
Tandridge	E07000215	10.0%
Wigan	E08000010	9.6%
Torridge	E07000046	9.5%
Teignbridge	E07000045	9.4%
Braintree	E07000067	9.0%
West Lindsey	E07000142	8.9%
Havering	E09000016	8.8%
North Warwickshire	E07000218	8.8%
Spelthorne	E07000213	8.8%
Castle Point	E07000069	8.7%
Mid Devon	E07000042	8.6%
Harrow	E09000015	8.3%
Chorley	E07000118	8.3%
Stroud	E07000082	8.2%
East Devon	E07000040	8.2%
Bexley	E09000004	8.1%
Cannock Chase	E07000192	8.0%
Stevenage	E07000243	8.0%
Wyre	E07000128	8.0%
Thurrock	E06000034	7.9%
Broadland	E07000144	7.8%
Wealden	E07000065	7.8%
Amber Valley	E07000032	7.8%
Forest of Dean	E07000080	7.8%
South Hams	E07000044	7.8%
Sutton	E09000029	7.7%
Tewkesbury	E07000083	7.7%

Local authority name (2023)	Local authority code (2023)	% Construction employee jobs
Tonbridge and Malling	E07000115	7.6%
Barking and Dagenham	E09000002	7.6%
Dorset	E06000059	7.5%
Enfield	E09000010	7.4%
Broxtowe	E07000172	7.4%
South Staffordshire	E07000196	7.4%
Stockton-on-Tees	E06000004	7.4%
Barnet	E09000003	7.4%
West Devon	E07000047	7.4%
Redbridge	E09000026	7.3%
Havant	E07000090	7.3%
Basildon	E07000066	7.2%
Hartlepool	E06000001	7.2%
East Cambridgeshire	E07000009	7.2%
Maidstone	E07000110	7.1%
Gravesham	E07000109	7.1%
North East Derbyshire	E07000038	7.0%
Cornwall	E06000052	7.0%
New Forest	E07000091	6.9%
Doncaster	E08000017	6.9%
Tendring	E07000076	6.9%
Medway	E06000035	6.7%
Warrington	E06000007	6.7%
Newham	E09000025	6.7%
Bromley	E09000006	6.7%
Chelmsford	E07000070	6.6%
North Kesteven	E07000139	6.6%
North Lincolnshire	E06000013	6.6%
Lichfield	E07000194	6.6%
Breckland	E07000143	6.6%
Staffordshire Moorlands	E07000198	6.6%
South Tyneside	E08000023	6.5%
South Gloucestershire	E06000025	6.5%
Stockport	E08000007	6.5%
Welwyn Hatfield	E07000241	6.5%
Central Bedfordshire	E06000056	6.5%
Somerset	E06000066	6.4%
Cumberland	E06000063	6.4%
Barnsley	E08000016	6.4%
South Norfolk	E07000149	6.4%
East Hertfordshire	E07000242	6.3%

Local authority name (2023)	Local authority code (2023)	% Construction employee jobs
Dudley	E08000027	6.3%
County Durham	E06000047	6.3%
North Hertfordshire	E07000099	6.3%
Uttlesford	E07000077	6.3%
Kingston upon Hull, City of	E06000010	6.3%
Wiltshire	E06000054	6.2%
Ashfield	E07000170	6.2%
St. Helens	E08000013	6.2%
North Somerset	E06000024	6.1%
Reigate and Banstead	E07000211	6.1%
Swale	E07000113	6.1%
Gedling	E07000173	6.1%
Ashford	E07000105	6.0%
Newark and Sherwood	E07000175	6.0%
Northumberland	E06000057	6.0%
Horsham	E07000227	6.0%
Oldham	E08000004	6.0%
Rossendale	E07000125	6.0%
Adur	E07000223	6.0%
Bromsgrove	E07000234	6.0%
Tamworth	E07000199	5.9%
St Albans	E07000240	5.9%
West Lancashire	E07000127	5.9%
Thanet	E07000114	5.9%
North Devon	E07000043	5.9%
Gateshead	E08000037	5.9%
Knowsley	E08000011	5.8%
Blaby	E07000129	5.8%
Halton	E06000006	5.8%
Ealing	E09000009	5.8%
West Oxfordshire	E07000181	5.8%
Haringey	E09000014	5.8%
Middlesbrough	E06000002	5.8%
Eastleigh	E07000086	5.8%
Tameside	E08000008	5.8%
Lewes	E07000063	5.7%
Rotherham	E08000018	5.7%
Herefordshire, County of	E06000019	5.7%
Babergh	E07000200	5.7%
Rother	E07000064	5.7%
Dover	E07000108	5.7%

Local authority name (2023)	Local authority code (2023)	% Construction employee jobs
Hart	E07000089	5.6%
Bolton	E08000001	5.6%
North Norfolk	E07000147	5.6%
Harlow	E07000073	5.6%
Fareham	E07000087	5.6%
Wychavon	E07000238	5.6%
South Cambridgeshire	E07000012	5.5%
Merton	E09000024	5.5%
Gloucester	E07000081	5.5%
Sandwell	E08000028	5.5%
King's Lynn and West Norfolk	E07000146	5.5%
Rochdale	E08000005	5.5%
Bury	E08000002	5.5%
Westmorland and Furness	E06000064	5.5%
Calderdale	E08000033	5.5%
North Yorkshire	E06000065	5.5%
Waltham Forest	E09000031	5.4%
South Oxfordshire	E07000179	5.4%
Brent	E09000005	5.3%
Redcar and Cleveland	E06000003	5.3%
Runnymede	E07000212	5.3%
Buckinghamshire	E06000060	5.3%
Elmbridge	E07000207	5.3%
East Riding of Yorkshire	E06000011	5.3%
East Suffolk	E07000244	5.3%
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	E06000058	5.3%
Test Valley	E07000093	5.3%
South Holland	E07000140	5.3%
Fenland	E07000010	5.3%
Gosport	E07000088	5.3%
Huntingdonshire	E07000011	5.2%
Basingstoke and Deane	E07000084	5.2%
Lancaster	E07000121	5.2%
Croydon	E09000008	5.2%
Bedford	E06000055	5.2%
Folkestone and Hythe	E07000112	5.1%
Erewash	E07000036	5.1%
Preston	E07000123	5.1%
Plymouth	E06000026	5.1%
East Hampshire	E07000085	5.1%
Ribble Valley	E07000124	5.1%

Local authority name (2023)	Local authority code (2023)	% Construction employee jobs
Walsall	E08000030	5.1%
Surrey Heath	E07000214	5.0%
Watford	E07000103	5.0%
Pendle	E07000122	5.0%
Malvern Hills	E07000235	5.0%
Shropshire	E06000051	5.0%
Bath and North East Somerset	E06000022	5.0%
Colchester	E07000071	5.0%
Rushcliffe	E07000176	4.9%
Cotswold	E07000079	4.9%
Salford	E08000006	4.9%
Mid Sussex	E07000228	4.9%
Mansfield	E07000174	4.9%
Bassetlaw	E07000171	4.8%
Solihull	E08000029	4.8%
South Derbyshire	E07000039	4.8%
Wakefield	E08000036	4.8%
Rugby	E07000220	4.8%
Kirklees	E08000034	4.7%
Trafford	E08000009	4.7%
Greenwich	E09000011	4.7%
West Suffolk	E07000245	4.7%
Stafford	E07000197	4.7%
Blackburn with Darwen	E06000008	4.6%
Winchester	E07000094	4.6%
Wirral	E08000015	4.6%
Sefton	E08000014	4.6%
Bolsover	E07000033	4.6%
Arun	E07000224	4.6%
West Berkshire	E06000037	4.6%
Burnley	E07000117	4.6%
Redditch	E07000236	4.6%
Vale of White Horse	E07000180	4.5%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	E07000195	4.5%
Ipswich	E07000202	4.5%
North East Lincolnshire	E06000012	4.5%
Hyndburn	E07000120	4.5%
Waverley	E07000216	4.5%
Wyre Forest	E07000239	4.5%
Hinckley and Bosworth	E07000132	4.5%
North West Leicestershire	E07000134	4.5%

Local authority name (2023)	Local authority code (2023)	% Construction employee jobs
Cheshire West and Chester	E06000050	4.4%
Exeter	E07000041	4.4%
Cheshire East	E06000049	4.4%
Leeds	E08000035	4.3%
Southend-on-Sea	E06000033	4.3%
Oadby and Wigston	E07000135	4.3%
Harborough	E07000131	4.3%
Wolverhampton	E08000031	4.3%
Windsor and Maidenhead	E06000040	4.3%
Swindon	E06000030	4.3%
Torbay	E06000027	4.3%
Bradford	E08000032	4.3%
Fylde	E07000119	4.3%
Charnwood	E07000130	4.3%
Sunderland	E08000024	4.3%
Derbyshire Dales	E07000035	4.2%
Melton	E07000133	4.2%
Guildford	E07000209	4.2%
West Northamptonshire	E06000062	4.2%
Chesterfield	E07000034	4.2%
Hastings	E07000062	4.2%
Hillingdon	E09000017	4.1%
East Lindsey	E07000137	4.1%
South Kesteven	E07000141	4.1%
Kingston upon Thames	E09000021	4.1%
Lewisham	E09000023	4.0%
Isle of Wight	E06000046	4.0%
North Tyneside	E08000022	4.0%
Cherwell	E07000177	4.0%
Stratford-on-Avon	E07000221	4.0%
Slough	E06000039	4.0%
North Northamptonshire	E06000061	3.9%
Chichester	E07000225	3.9%
Bristol, City of	E06000023	3.9%
Nuneaton and Bedworth	E07000219	3.8%
East Staffordshire	E07000193	3.8%
Epsom and Ewell	E07000208	3.8%
Stoke-on-Trent	E06000021	3.6%
High Peak	E07000037	3.6%
Great Yarmouth	E07000145	3.6%
Canterbury	E07000106	3.6%

Local authority name (2023)	Local authority code (2023)	% Construction employee jobs
Cheltenham	E07000078	3.5%
Tunbridge Wells	E07000116	3.5%
Rushmoor	E07000092	3.5%
Telford and Wrekin	E06000020	3.5%
Eastbourne	E07000061	3.5%
York	E06000014	3.5%
Woking	E07000217	3.4%
Darlington	E06000005	3.4%
Liverpool	E08000012	3.4%
Wandsworth	E09000032	3.4%
Luton	E06000032	3.3%
Sheffield	E08000019	3.3%
Birmingham	E08000025	3.3%
Portsmouth	E06000044	3.3%
Rutland	E06000017	3.2%
Bracknell Forest	E06000036	3.2%
Peterborough	E06000031	3.2%
Isles of Scilly	E06000053	3.2%
Hounslow	E09000018	3.0%
Wokingham	E06000041	3.0%
Boston	E07000136	3.0%
Derby	E06000015	2.9%
Milton Keynes	E06000042	2.9%
Lincoln	E07000138	2.9%
Worcester	E07000237	2.9%
Hackney	E09000012	2.8%
Blackpool	E06000009	2.8%
Richmond upon Thames	E09000027	2.8%
Lambeth	E09000022	2.8%
Norwich	E07000148	2.7%
Dacorum	E07000096	2.7%
Brighton and Hove	E06000043	2.6%
Warwick	E07000222	2.6%
Southampton	E06000045	2.6%
Camden	E09000007	2.6%
Worthing	E07000229	2.5%
Newcastle upon Tyne	E08000021	2.5%
Nottingham	E06000018	2.4%
Crawley	E07000226	2.3%
Islington	E09000019	2.1%
Westminster	E09000033	2.1%

Local authority name (2023)	Local authority code (2023)	% Construction employee jobs
Coventry	E08000026	2.1%
Hammersmith and Fulham	E09000013	2.1%
Leicester	E06000016	2.1%
Manchester	E08000003	1.9%
Kensington and Chelsea	E09000020	1.9%
Reading	E06000038	1.8%
Southwark	E09000028	1.6%
Tower Hamlets	E09000030	1.5%
Oxford	E07000178	1.4%
City of London	E09000001	1.4%
Cambridge	E07000008	1.0%

Source: BRES

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Table 18: Construction GVA (£m) generated in South East local authorities 2022

Local authority name (2022)	Local authority code (2022)	Construction GVA (£m)
Buckinghamshire	E06000060	1,778
Windsor and Maidenhead	E06000040	940
Dartford	E07000107	830
Tonbridge and Malling	E07000115	753
Sevenoaks	E07000111	719
Basingstoke and Deane	E07000084	709
Medway	E06000035	698
Milton Keynes	E06000042	671
Maidstone	E07000110	606
Elmbridge	E07000207	522
West Berkshire	E06000037	514
New Forest	E07000091	480
Winchester	E07000094	480
Surrey Heath	E07000214	465
Runnymede	E07000212	459
Guildford	E07000209	430
Reigate and Banstead	E07000211	426
Fareham	E07000087	425
Horsham	E07000227	421
Tandridge	E07000215	402
Eastleigh	E07000086	375
Wealden	E07000065	371
Ashford	E07000105	365
Spelthorne	E07000213	351
Vale of White Horse	E07000180	345
Hart	E07000089	339
Brighton and Hove	E06000043	327
Portsmouth	E06000044	327
Mid Sussex	E07000228	325
Slough	E06000039	321
Swale	E07000113	316
Mole Valley	E07000210	310
Wokingham	E06000041	291
Test Valley	E07000093	286
Crawley	E07000226	285
Southampton	E06000045	271
Gravesham	E07000109	268
Havant	E07000090	262
Canterbury	E07000106	262
South Oxfordshire	E07000179	261
Cherwell	E07000177	260

Local authority name (2022)	Local authority code (2022)	Construction GVA (£m)
Bracknell Forest	E06000036	237
Chichester	E07000225	235
Oxford	E07000178	228
Waverley	E07000216	221
Folkestone and Hythe	E07000112	213
Woking	E07000217	211
West Oxfordshire	E07000181	208
Thanet	E07000114	208
Reading	E06000038	193
Arun	E07000224	186
East Hampshire	E07000085	184
Rushmoor	E07000092	179
Tunbridge Wells	E07000116	173
Dover	E07000108	166
Isle of Wight	E06000046	154
Lewes	E07000063	145
Rother	E07000064	144
Eastbourne	E07000061	127
Epsom and Ewell	E07000208	116
Worthing	E07000229	106
Adur	E07000223	105
Gosport	E07000088	98
Hastings	E07000062	96

Source: ONS

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