

# Employee jobs in Kent in 2023

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**NOTE:** Within this bulletin 'Kent' refers to the Kent County Council area (KCC) which excludes Medway.

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**This bulletin presents the latest provisional data from the Business Register & Employment Survey. It looks at the structure of jobs in Kent districts in 2023 with national and regional comparisons.**

## Kent Summary

- Employee jobs in Kent have increased by 0.8% over the previous year (+5,400 employee jobs). This is lower than the national and regional increase (GB +1.4%, South East +1.3%).
- In Kent the biggest number increase was in Human health and social work activities jobs (+12,500 jobs, +15.0%).
- There were fewer jobs in seven sectors in Kent. The biggest number reduction since the previous year was in Administrative and support service industries (-6,500 jobs, -10.5%).
- Kent has a larger proportion of jobs in 8 industrial sectors compared to Great Britain. The biggest difference was in Wholesale & retail trade industries. In Kent they make up 16.2% of all jobs compared to GB 13.6%.

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## Introduction

The Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) is regarded as the definitive source of official employee and employment statistics by industry.

The BRES is a sample survey from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) 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. It does not cover the very small businesses which are 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. An employee is defined as anyone aged 16 years or over who is paid directly from the payroll, in return for carrying out a full-time or part-time job or being on a training scheme. Employment includes employees plus the number of working owners who receive drawings or a share of the profits.

Employee jobs (used in this bulletin) is the more robust of the two measures and is recommended for use in analysis.

As the BRES is a sample survey it 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 remembered when considering the quality of county and district estimates.

For the 2023 survey period, approximately 85,000 businesses were sampled for Great Britain with an 83.3% response rate.

The industrial sectors used in this bulletin are defined using the 2007 Standard Industrial Classification (2007SIC). Detailed information about the types of industry which make up each of the industrial sectors is available from the [UK Standard Industrial Classification of Economic Activities](#) published by the Office for National Statistics.

To comply with the ONS requirements, all data is rounded to the nearest 100, however percentages are calculated using unrounded data.

The latest data is for 2023 and is provisional. This includes revisions to 2022 data.

**The BRES is a sample survey of approximately 85,000 businesses. As such it may be subject to sampling errors. Information on the quality and methodology of the BRES is available from the [Office For National Statistics](#) website.**

## Changes to the BRES

In 2015 The Office for National Statistics (ONS) decided to include businesses registered for PAYE for which no VAT data are available. Prior to 2015, such businesses were excluded and therefore not included in the ONS estimates.

This has resulted in an improvement in coverage and is estimated to have increased the business survey population by around 100,000 businesses, with a total of around 200,000 employees. The increase in business population has led to an increase in the estimate of employment and employees for the 2015 dataset.

This increase in coverage makes comparisons of figures prior to 2015 with figures from 2015 onwards more difficult since the employment estimates prior to 2015 do not include PAYE-only businesses.

Data using the revised methodology is available for the years 2015 to 2023. The change in methodology means that this data is not comparable with earlier years.

Data for earlier years using the old methodology is presented in the [BRES 2009-2015](#) bulletin.

## BRES Analysis

Table 1 overleaf summarises the latest data for Kent, together with regional and national comparisons.

Estimates show that employee jobs increased by 0.8% in Kent between 2022 and 2023. Nationally (GB) they increased by 1.4% and regionally by 1.3%. The figures indicate no change in employee jobs in the Medway area.

**Table 1: BRES Employee jobs, 2022 to 2023**

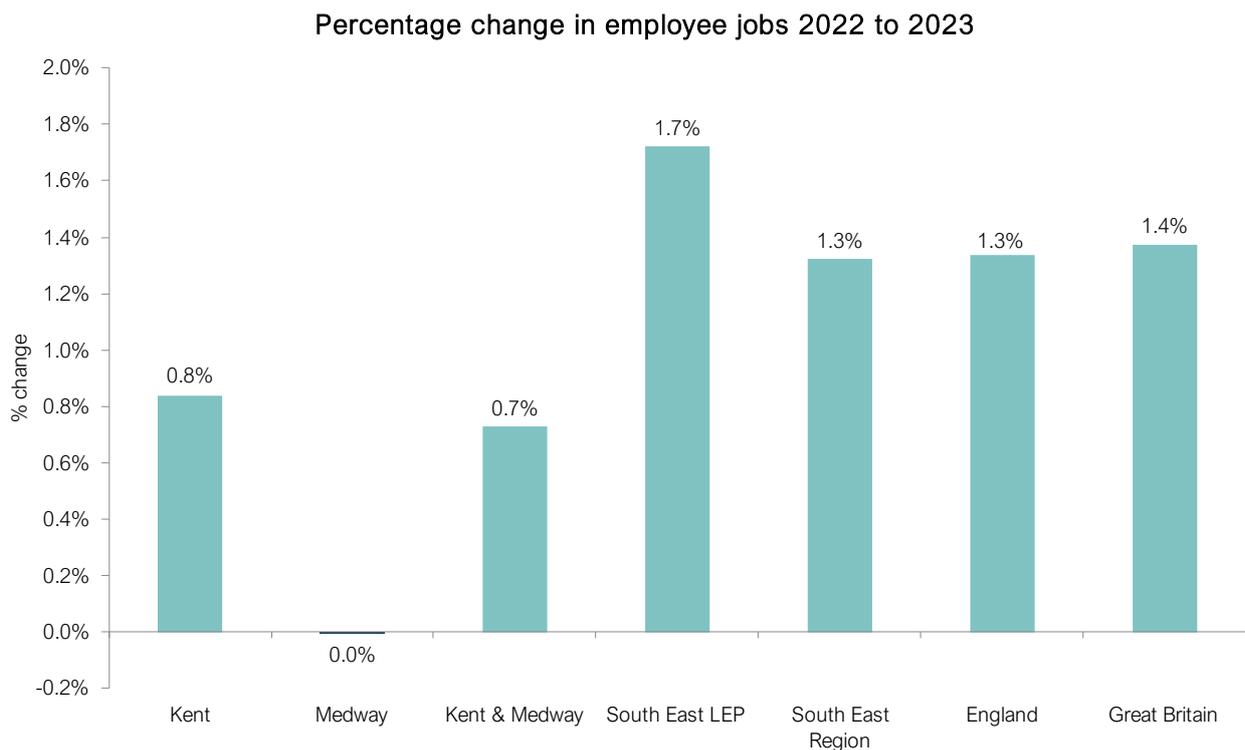
Area	2022	2023	Number change 2022-2023	Percentage change 2022-2023
Kent	643,800	649,200	5,400	0.8%
Medway	96,200	96,200	0	0.0%
Kent & Medway	740,000	745,400	5,400	0.7%
South East LEP	1,653,700	1,682,100	28,500	1.7%
South East Region	4,269,500	4,326,000	56,500	1.3%
England	27,133,500	27,496,500	363,000	1.3%
Great Britain	30,934,500	31,359,000	424,500	1.4%

Source: BRES

Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Chart 1 shows the percentage change in employee jobs in Kent and Medway compared to national and regional changes.

**Chart 1: Percentage change in employee jobs**



Source: BRES  
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Chart 2 shows the change in employees between 2022 and 2023 by sector in Great Britain.

Looking at the industrial breakdown of employee jobs we can see those industries which have seen growth over the last year and those that have seen a reduction in employees.

Overall employee jobs have increased nationally by 1.4% (424,500 more employee jobs).

Since 2022 four sectors nationally saw a reduction in employee jobs. Administrative and support service activities industries saw the biggest number and percentage reduction in jobs with 63,500 fewer jobs than in 2022, a reduction of 4.4%. The other industries which saw a reduction in employee jobs were Wholesale and Retail Trade which saw 25,500 fewer jobs in 2023 (0.6% fewer than in 2022), Construction which saw 9,500 fewer jobs (down 0.6%), and Primary industries, which includes agriculture, mining, and utilities, which had 5,000 fewer jobs (a reduction of 0.8%).

Human health and social work activities saw the biggest number increase with 181,500 more employee jobs than the year before, an increase of 4.4%, while Arts, entertainment and recreation saw the biggest percentage increase (+8.0% or 59,500 more jobs).

## Chart 2: Great Britain industrial structure change

% Change 2022 to 2023, Great Britain

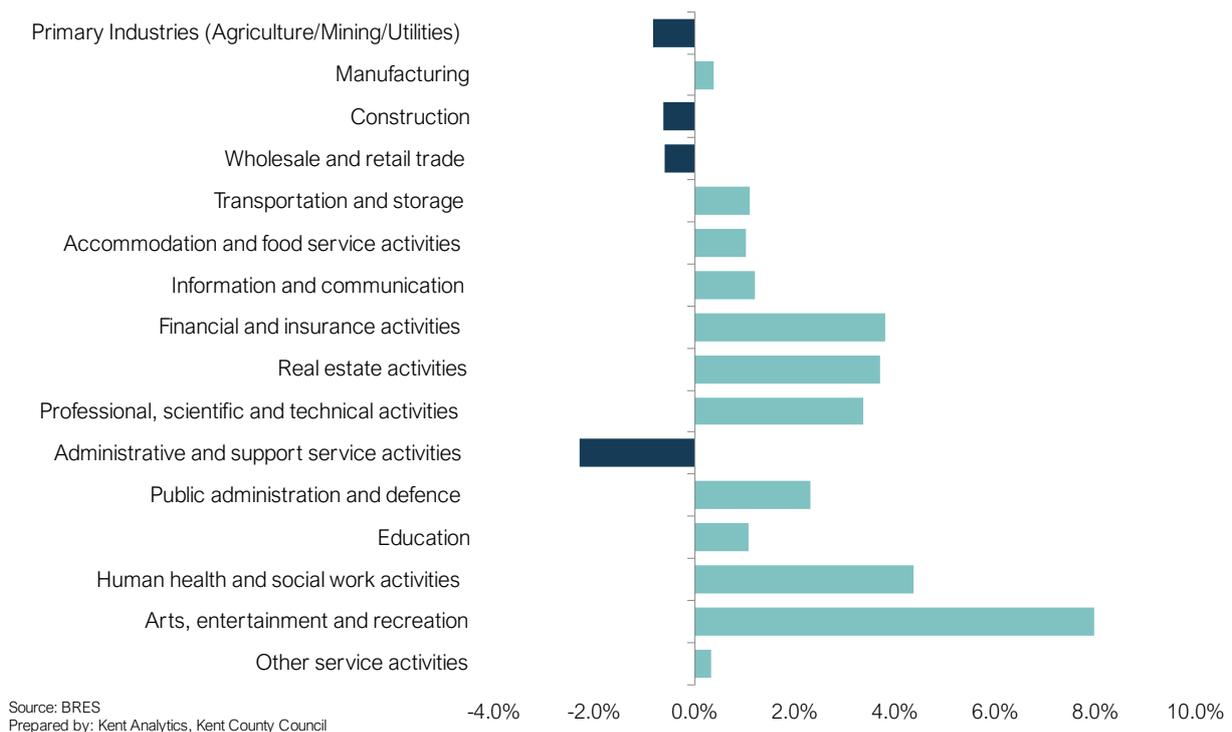


Chart 3 overleaf shows the change in employees since 2022 by sector in Kent.

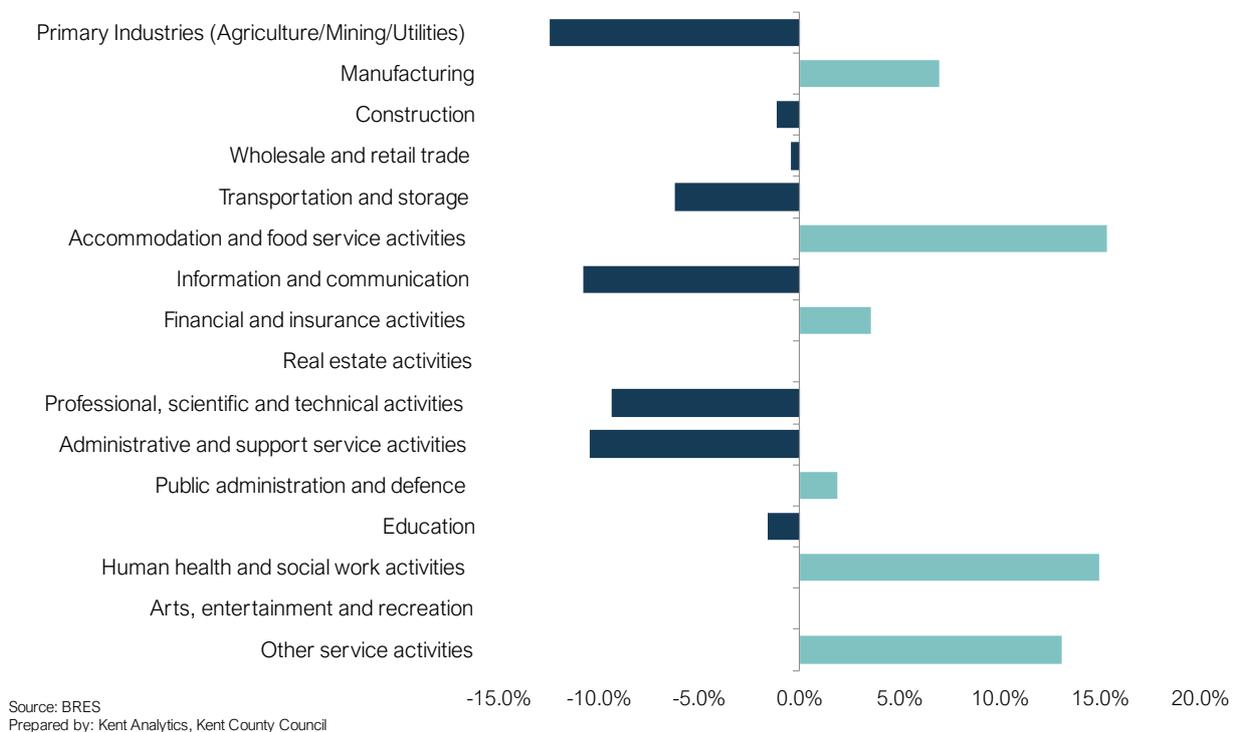
The data shows Kent to have seen reductions in employee jobs in eight of the sixteen industrial sectors.

The Administration and support services activities sector has seen the biggest reduction in number of jobs (-6,500 jobs equivalent to a 10.5% reduction in jobs). The biggest percentage decrease was in Primary industries which saw a 12.5% reduction equivalent to 2,600 fewer jobs.

The Human health and social work activities sector saw the biggest number growth in jobs (+12,500 jobs equivalent to a 15.0% increase), while Accommodation and food service activities saw the biggest percentage growth (+7,500 jobs, +15.3%).

### Chart 3: Kent industrial structure change

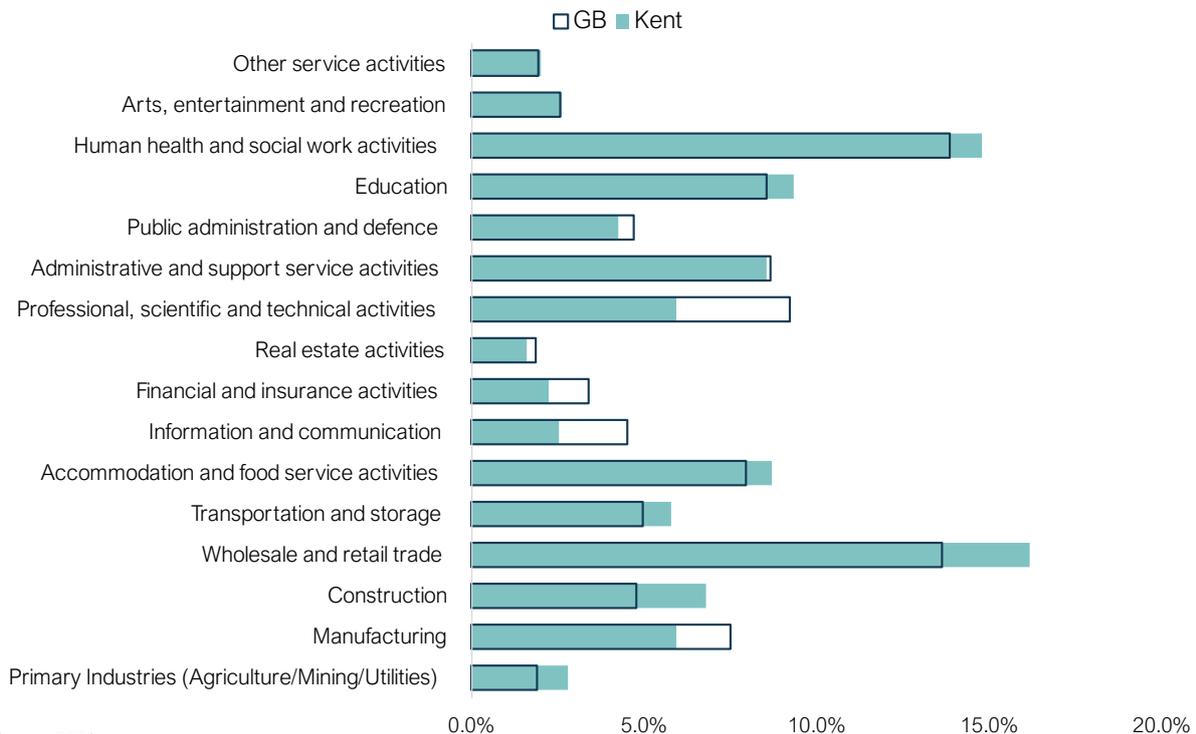
% Change 2022 to 2023, Kent



The industrial structure for both Kent and Great Britain as of 2023 is shown in chart 4.

## Chart 4: Industrial structure in Kent and Great Britain

Industrial Structure: Percentage of employees by industrial sector 2023



Source: BRES  
Prepared by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Relative to Great Britain, Kent has a higher proportion of employees in eight industrial sectors:

- Human health and social work activities
- Education
- Accommodation and food service activities
- Transportation and storage
- Wholesale and retail trade
- Construction
- Primary Industries (Agriculture/Mining/Utilities)
- Other service activities

The sectors where Kent has lower proportions of employees compared to Great Britain are:

- Manufacturing
- Information and communication
- Financial and insurance activities
- Professional, scientific, and technical activities
- Public administration and defence
- Administrative and support service activities
- Real estate activities

Kent has an equal proportion of employee jobs in the Arts, entertainment and recreation industry as Great Britain.

The following tables show the employee numbers for each of the Kent Districts and Medway, plus regional and national comparator areas.

A number of individual entries have been highlighted as containing possible sampling errors. These have been identified as looking out of place compared to previous years' data. BRES adheres to a revisions policy whereby current survey estimates together with a revision of the previous year's survey estimates are published. Late returns or information received over the following year's survey may lead to changes to the estimates after the provisional publication. These changes are incorporated into the figures when the revised estimates are published in the following year.

As a result of this sampling variability, we advise caution in the interpretation and use of the highlighted numbers.

**Table 2: Ashford**

Ashford	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	1 year change 2022- 23	% change 2022- 2023	Structure 2015 %	Structure 2023 %
Primary Industries (Agriculture/Mining/Utilities)	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	2,000	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,100	-100	-5.2%	3.1%	3.4%
Manufacturing	5,000	4,800	4,800	5,000	5,000	4,300	4,300	4,500	4,800	300	5.6%	9.2%	7.7%
Construction	2,300	2,400	3,300	3,000	3,500	3,800	4,300	4,000	3,800	-300	-6.3%	4.1%	6.0%
Wholesale and retail trade	11,500	12,000	11,500	12,000	13,000	11,500	11,500	12,000	12,000	0	0.0%	21.2%	19.3%
Transportation and storage	2,500	3,300	3,000	2,500	2,500	2,400	2,800	2,800	2,400	-400	-13.6%	4.6%	3.8%
Accommodation and food service activities	3,800	3,500	3,500	3,500	4,000	3,500	3,300	3,800	4,000	300	6.7%	6.9%	6.4%
Information and communication	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,300	1,300	1,400	1,300	1,500	1,400	-100	-8.3%	2.8%	2.2%
Financial and insurance activities	700	600	600	700	500	600	600	500	700	200	30.0%	1.3%	1.0%
Real estate activities	600	800	700	700	600	800	700	800	700	-100	-13.3%	1.1%	1.0%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	4,000	3,500	3,000	3,300	3,500	3,800	3,800	3,500	3,000	-500	-14.3%	7.4%	4.8%
Administrative and support service activities	3,800	5,000	5,000	4,500	4,500	5,000	7,000	8,000	6,000	-2,000	-25.0%	6.9%	9.7%
Public administration and defence	1,800	2,000	1,800	1,600	1,800	1,600	1,800	1,900	1,800	-100	-6.7%	3.2%	2.8%
Education	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,000	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,800	5,000	300	5.3%	7.8%	8.1%
Human health and social work activities	8,500	8,000	9,000	9,000	10,000	9,500	9,500	9,000	12,500	3,500	38.9%	15.6%	20.1%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,100	1,000	1,300	1,100	900	1,000	800	1,100	1,100	0	0.0%	2.1%	1.8%
Other service activities	1,500	1,800	1,600	1,300	1,300	1,100	1,100	900	1,000	100	11.1%	2.8%	1.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,500</b>	<b>56,000</b>	<b>56,500</b>	<b>55,500</b>	<b>58,000</b>	<b>57,000</b>	<b>59,200</b>	<b>61,100</b>	<b>62,000</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 3: Canterbury**

Canterbury	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	1 year change 2022- 23	% change 2022- 2023	Structure 2015 %	Structure 2023 %
Primary Industries (Agriculture/Mining/Utilities)	1,300	1,300	1,400	1,900	1,700	1,800	1,000	1,100	1,100	0	-2.3%	2.1%	1.5%
Manufacturing	1,900	1,800	1,900	1,900	2,000	2,000	1,800	1,800	2,000	300	14.3%	2.9%	2.9%
Construction	2,400	2,500	2,500	2,400	2,500	2,800	2,800	2,500	2,500	0	0.0%	3.7%	3.6%
Wholesale and retail trade	12,000	11,500	11,500	11,500	12,000	10,500	11,500	11,000	11,000	0	0.0%	18.9%	15.7%
Transportation and storage	1,000	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,300	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,300	100	11.1%	1.6%	1.8%
Accommodation and food service activities	6,000	5,500	6,000	6,000	6,000	5,500	5,500	6,000	7,500	1,500	25.0%	9.4%	10.7%
Information and communication	1,600	1,800	1,600	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,900	2,300	2,000	-300	-11.1%	2.6%	2.9%
Financial and insurance activities	700	1,100	1,100	2,100	2,300	2,400	2,300	2,000	1,100	-900	-43.8%	1.1%	1.6%
Real estate activities	1,000	1,000	900	800	700	800	800	900	900	100	5.9%	1.5%	1.3%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	3,800	3,800	3,000	3,300	3,500	3,800	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	0.0%	5.9%	5.0%
Administrative and support service activities	3,500	4,500	6,000	4,000	4,000	3,800	5,500	5,500	4,800	-800	-13.6%	5.5%	6.8%
Public administration and defence	2,100	2,000	2,100	2,000	2,000	2,300	2,300	2,400	2,400	0	0.0%	3.3%	3.4%
Education	12,500	14,000	14,500	14,000	12,000	13,000	12,000	13,000	13,500	500	3.8%	19.7%	19.3%
Human health and social work activities	10,500	9,500	10,000	10,000	11,000	10,500	11,000	10,500	12,500	2,000	19.0%	16.5%	17.8%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,600	1,800	2,000	1,900	1,500	1,800	1,600	1,900	2,000	100	6.7%	2.6%	2.9%
Other service activities	1,800	1,800	2,100	1,800	2,000	1,900	2,100	1,900	2,100	300	13.3%	2.8%	3.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,600</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>68,100</b>	<b>66,400</b>	<b>66,200</b>	<b>65,500</b>	<b>66,500</b>	<b>67,200</b>	<b>70,100</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 4: Dartford**

Dartford	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	1 year change 2022- 23	% change 2022- 2023	Structure 2015 %	Structure 2023 %
Primary Industries (Agriculture/Mining/Utilities)	1,100	1,000	1,200	800	800	600	600	1,100	900	-200	-15.8%	1.7%	1.3%
Manufacturing	2,800	2,800	3,300	3,500	3,500	3,000	2,800	3,500	3,000	-500	-14.3%	4.3%	4.3%
Construction	7,500	7,500	5,500	5,500	6,000	6,500	7,000	7,000	7,000	0	0.0%	11.8%	10.1%
Wholesale and retail trade	14,000	13,500	13,000	13,000	13,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	0	0.0%	22.1%	17.4%
Transportation and storage	5,500	5,500	4,800	5,000	5,000	6,500	9,500	9,500	9,000	-500	-5.3%	8.7%	13.0%
Accommodation and food service activities	3,800	3,800	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,800	500	11.8%	5.9%	6.9%
Information and communication	1,800	1,500	1,600	1,900	2,300	2,300	2,000	2,300	1,900	-400	-16.7%	2.8%	2.7%
Financial and insurance activities	700	500	500	600	500	700	600	500	600	100	10.0%	1.0%	0.8%
Real estate activities	800	900	800	700	700	800	800	900	1,000	200	17.6%	1.3%	1.4%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	2,400	2,500	2,300	3,000	3,000	3,300	3,000	2,500	2,800	300	10.0%	3.8%	4.0%
Administrative and support service activities	8,000	7,500	7,000	8,000	8,000	7,000	8,500	10,000	8,500	-1,500	-15.0%	12.6%	12.3%
Public administration and defence	500	500	500	400	500	400	400	600	600	0	0.0%	0.8%	0.8%
Education	3,800	3,500	3,800	3,500	3,500	3,800	3,800	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%	5.9%	5.8%
Human health and social work activities	9,500	10,500	8,500	8,000	8,000	9,000	8,500	9,500	11,500	2,000	21.1%	15.0%	16.7%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	900	700	800	900	800	1,000	900	1,100	1,000	-100	-11.1%	1.3%	1.4%
Other service activities	600	500	600	600	600	600	500	500	600	100	26.3%	0.9%	0.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,500</b>	<b>62,500</b>	<b>57,500</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>61,000</b>	<b>61,500</b>	<b>64,900</b>	<b>69,100</b>	<b>69,000</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 5: Dover**

Dover	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	1 year change 2022- 23	% change 2022- 2023	Structure 2015 %	Structure 2023 %
Primary Industries (Agriculture/Mining/Utilities)	1,100	900	1,200	1,000	1,100	1,100	1,300	1,300	900	-400	-29.2%	3.1%	2.5%
Manufacturing	2,800	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,500	2,800	2,800	0	0.0%	8.0%	7.4%
Construction	1,300	1,500	1,900	1,600	1,500	2,000	2,400	2,100	2,100	0	0.0%	3.6%	5.7%
Wholesale and retail trade	5,000	4,800	4,500	4,800	4,500	4,300	4,500	4,300	4,300	0	0.0%	14.5%	11.4%
Transportation and storage	4,000	4,000	3,500	4,000	4,000	3,500	4,500	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%	11.6%	10.7%
Accommodation and food service activities	2,800	2,500	2,800	2,800	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,800	800	25.0%	8.0%	10.0%
Information and communication	500	400	400	500	600	600	500	700	700	0	0.0%	1.3%	1.7%
Financial and insurance activities	500	500	500	500	500	500	400	300	300	0	0.0%	1.5%	0.8%
Real estate activities	500	500	500	400	400	300	300	400	400	0	7.1%	1.4%	1.0%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	2,300	2,300	2,000	2,300	3,000	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%	6.5%	8.0%
Administrative and support service activities	2,100	1,900	1,900	1,400	1,800	2,000	1,800	1,600	2,300	600	38.5%	6.2%	6.0%
Public administration and defence	2,100	2,000	2,100	2,100	2,000	2,000	2,100	2,800	2,500	-300	-9.1%	6.2%	6.7%
Education	3,800	4,000	3,800	3,500	3,500	3,300	3,500	3,500	3,300	-300	-7.1%	10.9%	8.7%
Human health and social work activities	4,500	3,800	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,300	4,500	4,500	5,500	1,000	22.2%	13.1%	14.7%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	900	1,000	1,000	1,000	900	1,000	900	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	2.6%	3.3%
Other service activities	600	500	600	500	600	500	500	400	500	100	25.0%	1.6%	1.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,400</b>	<b>33,400</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>33,700</b>	<b>34,800</b>	<b>33,700</b>	<b>35,600</b>	<b>35,800</b>	<b>37,400</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 6: Folkestone & Hythe**

Folkestone & Hythe	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	1 year change 2022- 23	% change 2022- 2023	Structure 2015 %	Structure 2023 %
Primary Industries (Agriculture/Mining/Utilities)	1,300	1,100	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	-3.2%	3.5%	3.0%
Manufacturing	1,800	1,800	1,500	2,000	2,000	2,300	1,900	1,900	2,000	100	6.7%	4.7%	5.6%
Construction	1,600	1,800	1,800	1,600	1,800	2,000	2,100	2,000	1,900	-100	-6.3%	4.4%	5.2%
Wholesale and retail trade	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,000	5,000	5,500	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%	14.9%	13.9%
Transportation and storage	2,400	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,300	2,500	2,500	2,300	-300	-10.0%	6.4%	6.3%
Accommodation and food service activities	3,300	3,000	3,300	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,800	4,300	500	13.3%	8.8%	11.8%
Information and communication	900	600	600	800	800	900	700	500	500	-100	-10.0%	2.3%	1.3%
Financial and insurance activities	1,800	1,800	1,600	1,600	1,500	1,600	1,400	1,800	1,600	-100	-7.1%	4.7%	4.5%
Real estate activities	600	700	600	400	400	500	400	400	500	0	5.9%	1.5%	1.3%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1,500	1,800	1,400	2,000	2,300	1,900	2,000	2,000	1,500	-500	-25.0%	4.1%	4.2%
Administrative and support service activities	4,000	4,500	3,800	3,500	5,000	4,000	3,000	3,000	2,300	-800	-25.0%	10.8%	6.3%
Public administration and defence	2,400	2,500	2,400	2,500	2,500	2,800	3,300	3,300	3,500	300	7.7%	6.4%	9.7%
Education	3,500	3,300	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,800	3,000	2,800	-300	-8.3%	9.5%	7.6%
Human health and social work activities	5,000	4,300	4,800	4,300	5,000	5,000	4,500	4,000	4,800	800	18.8%	13.5%	13.2%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,000	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,000	1,100	1,300	1,800	1,500	-300	-14.3%	2.7%	4.2%
Other service activities	600	700	700	600	800	700	700	700	800	100	15.4%	1.6%	2.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,900</b>	<b>36,600</b>	<b>35,500</b>	<b>36,100</b>	<b>38,200</b>	<b>37,600</b>	<b>36,600</b>	<b>36,600</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 7: Gravesham**

Gravesham	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	1 year change 2022- 23	% change 2022- 2023	Structure 2015 %	Structure 2023 %
Primary Industries (Agriculture/Mining/Utilities)	700	700	700	300	400	300	300	400	200	-200	-40.3%	2.3%	0.7%
Manufacturing	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,900	2,000	1,900	1,800	1,600	2,500	900	53.8%	6.0%	7.4%
Construction	1,900	2,000	2,500	2,400	2,500	3,000	3,000	2,500	2,400	-100	-5.0%	6.4%	7.1%
Wholesale and retail trade	4,800	4,500	4,800	4,800	5,000	4,500	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0.0%	16.3%	14.1%
Transportation and storage	2,400	3,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	3,000	2,500	2,400	-100	-5.0%	8.1%	7.1%
Accommodation and food service activities	2,000	2,100	2,400	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,500	3,800	4,000	300	6.7%	6.9%	11.9%
Information and communication	600	500	500	500	500	600	500	500	400	-100	-15.0%	1.9%	1.3%
Financial and insurance activities	400	300	300	400	400	300	300	200	300	0	19.6%	1.2%	0.8%
Real estate activities	600	600	500	400	400	400	400	500	600	100	22.2%	1.9%	1.6%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1,300	1,400	1,100	1,400	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,300	-100	-9.1%	4.3%	3.7%
Administrative and support service activities	3,500	4,500	4,800	4,800	4,500	4,800	5,000	4,800	4,800	0	0.0%	12.0%	14.1%
Public administration and defence	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,900	1,800	1,900	2,300	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%	6.4%	5.9%
Education	3,300	3,300	3,800	3,800	3,500	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0.0%	11.1%	11.1%
Human health and social work activities	3,000	2,800	3,300	3,300	3,500	3,000	2,800	3,000	2,800	-300	-8.3%	10.3%	8.2%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	800	800	800	800	700	800	700	1,000	900	-100	-5.3%	2.6%	2.7%
Other service activities	700	600	700	600	900	700	800	800	800	100	6.7%	2.2%	2.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>30,500</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>33,000</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>34,100</b>	<b>33,300</b>	<b>33,700</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 8: Maidstone**

Maidstone	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	1 year change 2022- 23	% change 2022- 2023	Structure 2015 %	Structure 2023 %
Primary Industries (Agriculture/Mining/Utilities)	2,400	2,300	2,800	2,300	2,900	3,000	2,600	2,800	2,800	0	-0.9%	3.3%	3.5%
Manufacturing	4,300	4,300	4,000	4,300	4,000	3,800	4,000	3,500	4,300	800	21.4%	5.7%	5.4%
Construction	3,800	4,300	6,000	5,500	6,000	7,000	6,500	5,500	5,500	0	0.0%	5.0%	7.1%
Wholesale and retail trade	11,500	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	11,000	11,500	12,000	12,000	0	0.0%	15.3%	15.4%
Transportation and storage	2,800	3,500	2,500	3,000	3,000	2,800	3,800	3,500	3,000	-500	-14.3%	3.7%	3.8%
Accommodation and food service activities	5,000	4,500	5,000	5,000	6,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	6,000	1,000	20.0%	6.7%	7.7%
Information and communication	2,400	2,400	2,300	2,100	2,300	2,500	2,300	2,500	2,400	-100	-5.0%	3.2%	3.0%
Financial and insurance activities	1,900	1,600	1,400	1,500	1,500	1,900	1,400	1,400	1,800	400	27.3%	2.5%	2.2%
Real estate activities	1,100	1,400	1,400	1,100	1,300	1,500	1,400	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	1.5%	1.6%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	4,300	4,000	3,800	4,500	5,000	4,500	5,000	5,500	4,800	-800	-13.6%	5.7%	6.1%
Administrative and support service activities	9,500	9,500	8,500	8,000	8,000	7,000	7,500	7,500	6,000	-1,500	-20.0%	12.7%	7.7%
Public administration and defence	6,500	6,500	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,500	6,000	7,000	6,500	-500	-7.1%	8.7%	8.3%
Education	5,500	5,500	5,000	5,500	6,000	6,000	5,500	6,000	5,500	-500	-8.3%	7.3%	7.1%
Human health and social work activities	11,500	11,000	11,000	11,500	10,000	10,000	12,000	10,500	13,000	2,500	23.8%	15.3%	16.7%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,400	1,600	1,800	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,400	2,000	2,100	100	6.3%	1.8%	2.7%
Other service activities	1,400	1,400	1,600	1,300	1,500	1,300	1,300	1,100	1,300	100	11.1%	1.8%	1.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,500</b>	<b>75,500</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>77,000</b>	<b>74,500</b>	<b>77,000</b>	<b>77,000</b>	<b>78,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 9: Sevenoaks**

Sevenoaks	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	1 year change 2022- 23	% change 2022- 2023	Structure 2015 %	Structure 2023 %
Primary Industries (Agriculture/Mining/Utilities)	1,000	600	800	700	700	600	600	800	600	-200	-21.9%	2.0%	1.2%
Manufacturing	3,000	3,300	3,000	3,300	3,500	3,300	2,800	2,800	3,000	300	9.1%	6.0%	6.0%
Construction	4,300	5,500	6,000	5,500	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,500	500	8.3%	8.4%	12.9%
Wholesale and retail trade	8,000	7,500	7,000	7,000	7,000	6,500	7,000	7,000	7,500	500	7.1%	15.9%	14.9%
Transportation and storage	900	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,400	1,300	1,100	-100	-10.0%	1.8%	2.2%
Accommodation and food service activities	3,500	3,300	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,800	3,500	3,800	300	7.1%	6.9%	7.5%
Information and communication	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,000	1,600	1,900	1,500	-400	-20.0%	5.0%	3.0%
Financial and insurance activities	1,100	1,300	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,300	1,400	100	10.0%	2.2%	2.7%
Real estate activities	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,000	1,000	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,500	100	9.1%	2.7%	3.0%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	4,800	6,000	8,500	6,000	6,000	4,500	5,000	5,000	4,500	-500	-10.0%	9.4%	9.0%
Administrative and support service activities	7,500	6,000	5,500	5,000	4,000	3,800	4,500	5,000	4,800	-300	-5.0%	14.9%	9.5%
Public administration and defence	700	700	700	700	900	700	600	800	700	-100	-13.3%	1.3%	1.3%
Education	4,300	4,000	4,300	4,300	4,500	4,500	4,300	4,500	4,300	-300	-5.6%	8.4%	8.5%
Human health and social work activities	4,800	4,500	5,000	4,800	5,000	4,800	5,000	5,000	6,000	1,000	20.0%	9.4%	11.9%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,800	1,900	2,000	2,000	1,500	1,800	1,500	1,900	2,000	100	6.7%	3.5%	4.0%
Other service activities	1,100	1,100	1,300	1,100	1,500	1,300	1,100	1,100	1,300	100	11.1%	2.2%	2.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,400</b>	<b>50,600</b>	<b>54,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,400</b>	<b>47,200</b>	<b>48,000</b>	<b>49,000</b>	<b>50,200</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 10: Swale**

Swale	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	1 year change 2022- 23	% change 2022- 2023	Structure 2015 %	Structure 2023 %
Primary Industries (Agriculture/Mining/Utilities)	2,800	2,600	3,300	3,900	3,600	3,400	3,900	4,400	4,000	-300	-7.6%	5.6%	7.6%
Manufacturing	6,500	7,000	6,500	6,500	6,000	6,000	5,500	6,000	6,000	0	0.0%	13.0%	11.4%
Construction	3,000	3,500	3,500	3,300	3,500	4,000	4,000	3,500	3,300	-300	-7.1%	6.0%	6.1%
Wholesale and retail trade	8,000	7,500	8,000	8,000	8,000	7,500	8,000	9,000	8,500	-500	-5.6%	16.1%	16.1%
Transportation and storage	4,300	4,800	4,300	4,800	4,500	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,000	-800	-15.8%	8.5%	7.6%
Accommodation and food service activities	3,300	3,000	3,300	3,300	3,500	3,300	3,500	4,000	4,300	300	6.3%	6.5%	8.0%
Information and communication	1,000	900	900	700	700	800	900	900	800	-200	-16.7%	2.0%	1.4%
Financial and insurance activities	500	500	500	400	400	300	300	200	200	0	0.0%	1.0%	0.4%
Real estate activities	800	900	800	700	800	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	1.6%	1.9%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	2,800	3,000	2,800	3,000	4,000	3,300	3,000	4,000	3,500	-500	-12.5%	5.5%	6.6%
Administrative and support service activities	3,800	4,500	3,800	3,800	3,000	3,800	4,500	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%	7.5%	7.6%
Public administration and defence	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,900	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,900	2,100	300	13.3%	3.8%	4.0%
Education	4,500	4,500	4,800	4,800	4,500	4,800	4,300	4,800	4,300	-500	-10.5%	9.0%	8.0%
Human health and social work activities	5,000	4,500	5,000	5,000	4,500	4,300	4,500	4,000	5,000	1,000	25.0%	10.0%	9.5%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	900	1,000	1,000	900	900	900	700	1,100	1,100	0	0.0%	1.8%	2.1%
Other service activities	1,000	1,000	1,000	900	1,000	900	800	700	900	200	21.4%	1.9%	1.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,800</b>	<b>50,700</b>	<b>50,900</b>	<b>51,500</b>	<b>50,900</b>	<b>50,500</b>	<b>51,400</b>	<b>54,200</b>	<b>52,900</b>	<b>-1,300</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 11: Thanet**

Thanet	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	1 year change 2022- 23	% change 2022- 2023	Structure 2015 %	Structure 2023 %
Primary Industries (Agriculture/Mining/Utilities)	600	500	700	600	600	500	500	600	600	0	-2.4%	1.3%	1.4%
Manufacturing	3,000	3,300	3,000	3,300	3,000	2,800	2,800	2,500	2,500	0	0.0%	7.2%	5.9%
Construction	1,800	2,100	2,300	2,100	2,300	2,500	2,800	2,500	2,500	0	0.0%	4.2%	5.9%
Wholesale and retail trade	8,000	7,500	7,500	7,500	8,000	7,000	7,500	7,500	7,000	-500	-6.7%	19.2%	16.6%
Transportation and storage	1,600	1,900	1,600	1,800	1,800	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%	3.9%	3.9%
Accommodation and food service activities	3,800	3,800	4,300	4,300	4,500	4,000	4,500	4,500	5,000	500	11.1%	9.0%	11.8%
Information and communication	700	700	700	700	800	1,000	900	1,000	900	-100	-10.0%	1.7%	2.1%
Financial and insurance activities	800	800	800	900	700	800	800	600	600	0	0.0%	1.9%	1.4%
Real estate activities	600	700	600	500	500	600	500	600	600	0	0.0%	1.4%	1.3%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1,800	1,600	1,400	1,500	1,800	2,300	2,400	2,300	1,500	-800	-33.3%	4.2%	3.6%
Administrative and support service activities	2,500	2,500	1,500	1,400	1,500	2,100	2,000	2,500	2,300	-300	-10.0%	6.0%	5.3%
Public administration and defence	1,100	1,100	1,300	1,100	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,800	2,000	300	14.3%	2.7%	4.7%
Education	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,000	5,500	5,000	5,000	4,500	-500	-10.0%	13.2%	10.7%
Human health and social work activities	8,000	7,500	8,500	8,000	9,000	8,500	8,500	8,000	8,500	500	6.3%	19.2%	20.1%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,100	1,100	1,500	1,500	1,300	1,100	1,100	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%	2.7%	3.3%
Other service activities	800	700	900	700	800	700	800	700	800	100	14.3%	1.9%	1.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,600</b>	<b>41,300</b>	<b>41,800</b>	<b>41,200</b>	<b>42,700</b>	<b>42,200</b>	<b>42,800</b>	<b>43,000</b>	<b>42,200</b>	<b>-800</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 12: Tonbridge & Malling**

Tonbridge & Malling	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	1 year change 2022- 23	% change 2022- 2023	Structure 2015 %	Structure 2023 %
Primary Industries (Agriculture/Mining/Utilities)	2,800	2,500	3,000	2,800	3,100	2,300	5,100	3,800	3,100	-800	-19.7%	4.8%	4.7%
Manufacturing	3,300	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,300	2,800	3,300	3,500	300	7.7%	5.6%	5.4%
Construction	3,300	3,500	4,000	4,300	4,500	5,500	5,500	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%	5.6%	7.6%
Wholesale and retail trade	11,500	10,500	11,000	11,000	12,000	11,500	12,000	11,000	11,500	500	4.5%	19.9%	17.6%
Transportation and storage	4,000	4,800	4,000	4,500	4,500	4,000	5,000	5,500	5,500	0	0.0%	6.9%	8.4%
Accommodation and food service activities	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,300	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	4,300	800	21.4%	5.2%	6.5%
Information and communication	2,100	2,300	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,100	1,800	2,100	2,100	0	0.0%	3.7%	3.2%
Financial and insurance activities	2,800	3,300	2,500	2,800	2,500	2,800	2,800	2,300	2,400	100	5.6%	4.7%	3.6%
Real estate activities	1,100	1,400	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,100	1,000	1,400	1,100	-300	-18.2%	1.9%	1.7%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	3,800	4,300	4,000	4,500	4,500	4,300	4,300	4,800	4,300	-500	-10.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Administrative and support service activities	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	6,000	6,000	6,500	7,000	7,000	0	0.0%	9.5%	10.7%
Public administration and defence	2,100	1,900	1,800	1,600	1,800	1,900	1,900	2,300	3,000	800	33.3%	3.7%	4.6%
Education	5,500	5,500	5,000	5,000	5,000	6,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%	9.5%	7.6%
Human health and social work activities	4,800	4,300	4,800	4,800	5,000	5,500	5,000	7,500	5,000	-2,500	-33.3%	8.2%	7.6%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,400	1,000	1,400	1,300	1,600	1,800	100	7.7%	2.2%	2.7%
Other service activities	1,300	1,000	1,100	900	1,300	900	900	800	1,000	200	18.8%	2.2%	1.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,900</b>	<b>58,300</b>	<b>57,700</b>	<b>58,800</b>	<b>61,300</b>	<b>61,900</b>	<b>64,100</b>	<b>66,700</b>	<b>65,400</b>	<b>-1,400</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 13: Tunbridge Wells**

Tunbridge Wells	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	1 year change 2022- 23	% change 2022- 2023	Structure 2015 %	Structure 2023 %
Primary Industries (Agriculture/Mining/Utilities)	1,200	1,200	1,300	1,200	1,300	1,300	900	900	900	0	-0.5%	1.9%	1.8%
Manufacturing	3,300	3,000	2,400	2,100	2,500	2,100	2,000	2,100	2,000	-100	-5.9%	5.2%	3.8%
Construction	1,500	1,500	1,800	1,800	2,000	2,300	2,300	2,000	1,900	-100	-6.3%	2.4%	3.6%
Wholesale and retail trade	11,000	10,500	10,500	10,500	11,000	9,500	10,000	10,000	9,500	-500	-5.0%	17.7%	18.1%
Transportation and storage	1,000	1,300	1,000	1,000	1,000	900	1,000	1,000	1,000	-100	-5.0%	1.5%	1.8%
Accommodation and food service activities	3,800	3,500	3,800	3,800	4,000	3,500	3,800	4,000	5,000	1,000	25.0%	6.0%	9.5%
Information and communication	2,500	2,400	2,400	2,100	2,000	2,100	1,900	2,300	1,800	-500	-22.2%	4.0%	3.3%
Financial and insurance activities	4,500	4,300	3,800	3,800	3,500	3,800	4,800	3,000	3,800	800	25.0%	7.3%	7.2%
Real estate activities	1,100	1,100	1,000	800	800	1,000	900	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	1.8%	1.9%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	12,500	5,500	4,300	5,000	5,000	4,500	5,500	5,000	4,800	-300	-5.0%	20.2%	9.1%
Administrative and support service activities	4,000	3,800	3,800	3,300	3,000	3,500	4,000	4,000	3,800	-300	-6.3%	6.5%	7.2%
Public administration and defence	700	600	500	500	500	400	600	600	500	-100	-20.8%	1.0%	0.9%
Education	4,800	5,000	4,500	4,500	5,000	5,000	4,800	4,800	4,500	-300	-5.3%	7.7%	8.6%
Human health and social work activities	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	7,500	8,500	7,500	9,000	1,500	20.0%	12.9%	17.2%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	700	800	800	800	600	800	700	900	900	100	5.9%	1.1%	1.7%
Other service activities	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,400	1,500	1,800	1,500	1,800	2,300	500	28.6%	2.6%	4.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,000</b>	<b>53,900</b>	<b>51,100</b>	<b>50,500</b>	<b>51,700</b>	<b>49,900</b>	<b>52,900</b>	<b>50,800</b>	<b>52,400</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 14: Kent**

Kent	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	1 year change 2022- 23	% change 2022- 2023	Structure 2015 %	Structure 2023 %
Primary Industries (Agriculture/Mining/Utilities)	17,800	16,400	19,200	18,200	19,300	18,000	20,100	20,800	18,200	-2,600	-12.5%	3.2%	2.8%
Manufacturing	39,000	39,500	38,500	40,000	41,000	37,500	35,000	36,000	38,500	2,500	6.9%	6.3%	5.9%
Construction	34,500	38,000	40,500	39,000	42,000	47,000	49,000	44,500	44,000	-500	-1.1%	5.6%	6.8%
Wholesale and retail trade	110,000	107,500	107,000	108,500	111,000	101,500	106,500	105,500	105,000	-500	-0.5%	17.8%	16.2%
Transportation and storage	32,500	37,500	32,500	34,000	33,000	33,000	41,500	40,000	37,500	-2,500	-6.3%	5.3%	5.8%
Accommodation and food service activities	44,000	41,500	44,500	45,000	49,000	45,500	47,000	49,000	56,500	7,500	15.3%	7.1%	8.7%
Information and communication	18,000	17,000	16,500	16,500	17,000	18,000	16,000	18,500	16,500	-2,000	-10.8%	2.9%	2.5%
Financial and insurance activities	16,000	16,500	15,000	16,500	16,000	17,000	17,000	14,000	14,500	500	3.6%	2.6%	2.2%
Real estate activities	10,000	11,000	10,000	8,500	9,000	10,000	9,500	10,500	10,500	0	0.0%	1.6%	1.6%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	44,500	39,500	37,000	39,500	43,000	40,000	42,000	42,500	38,500	-4,000	-9.4%	7.2%	5.9%
Administrative and support service activities	57,500	59,500	57,000	53,000	55,000	53,000	60,000	62,000	55,500	-6,500	-10.5%	9.3%	8.5%
Public administration and defence	23,500	23,000	22,500	22,500	23,000	23,500	24,000	27,000	27,500	500	1.9%	3.8%	4.2%
Education	60,500	62,000	62,500	61,500	60,000	63,000	59,000	61,500	60,500	-1,000	-1.6%	9.8%	9.3%
Human health and social work activities	83,000	78,500	81,500	81,500	83,000	82,000	85,000	83,500	96,000	12,500	15.0%	13.5%	14.8%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	13,000	14,000	15,000	15,000	13,000	14,000	12,500	17,000	17,000	0	0.0%	2.1%	2.6%
Other service activities	13,000	12,500	14,000	11,500	14,000	12,000	12,000	11,500	13,000	1,500	13.0%	2.1%	2.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>616,800</b>	<b>613,900</b>	<b>613,200</b>	<b>610,700</b>	<b>628,300</b>	<b>615,000</b>	<b>636,100</b>	<b>643,800</b>	<b>649,200</b>	<b>5,400</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 15: Medway**

Medway	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	1 year change 2022- 23	% change 2022- 2023	Structure 2015 %	Structure 2023 %
Primary Industries (Agriculture/Mining/Utilities)	2,900	2,800	3,200	2,900	3,000	3,100	2,700	2,200	2,000	-300	-11.6%	3.2%	2.0%
Manufacturing	7,000	7,000	6,500	7,500	8,000	7,500	6,500	7,000	7,500	500	7.1%	8.0%	7.8%
Construction	5,000	5,500	6,500	6,000	6,000	7,000	7,500	7,000	6,500	-500	-7.1%	5.7%	6.8%
Wholesale and retail trade	14,500	14,500	14,000	14,500	14,000	13,000	13,500	13,000	13,000	0	0.0%	16.5%	13.5%
Transportation and storage	4,800	5,500	5,000	5,500	5,000	6,000	6,500	6,500	6,000	-500	-7.7%	5.4%	6.2%
Accommodation and food service activities	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,500	7,000	500	7.7%	6.3%	7.3%
Information and communication	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,300	2,300	2,100	2,000	2,300	2,300	0	0.0%	2.6%	2.3%
Financial and insurance activities	3,300	3,800	3,300	3,000	3,000	3,500	3,300	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%	3.7%	3.1%
Real estate activities	1,500	1,600	1,500	1,300	1,300	1,400	1,400	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%	1.7%	1.6%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	3,500	3,800	3,000	4,300	4,500	4,800	4,300	4,300	4,000	-300	-5.9%	4.0%	4.2%
Administrative and support service activities	5,000	7,500	7,500	8,000	8,000	7,000	8,000	9,500	8,500	-1,000	-10.5%	5.7%	8.8%
Public administration and defence	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,300	4,000	4,300	4,300	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%	4.6%	4.2%
Education	11,000	11,500	10,500	11,000	11,000	10,500	10,000	11,000	10,500	-500	-4.5%	12.5%	10.9%
Human health and social work activities	13,500	13,000	14,000	14,000	15,000	15,500	14,000	14,500	16,000	1,500	10.3%	15.4%	16.6%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,500	2,800	2,300	2,400	2,000	2,400	2,100	2,400	2,800	400	15.8%	2.8%	2.9%
Other service activities	1,800	1,600	1,800	1,500	1,800	1,600	1,800	1,600	1,800	100	7.7%	2.0%	1.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>87,900</b>	<b>92,400</b>	<b>90,600</b>	<b>93,800</b>	<b>94,700</b>	<b>95,600</b>	<b>93,700</b>	<b>96,200</b>	<b>96,200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 16: Kent + Medway**

Kent + Medway	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	1 year change 2022- 23	% change 2022- 2023	Structure 2015 %	Structure 2023 %
Primary Industries (Agriculture/Mining/Utilities)	20,700	19,200	22,400	21,100	22,200	21,100	22,800	23,000	20,200	-2,900	-12.4%	2.9%	2.7%
Manufacturing	46,000	46,500	45,000	47,500	49,000	45,000	41,500	43,000	46,000	3,000	7.0%	6.5%	6.2%
Construction	39,500	43,500	47,000	45,000	48,000	54,000	56,500	51,500	50,500	-1,000	-1.9%	5.6%	6.8%
Wholesale and retail trade	124,500	122,000	121,000	123,000	125,000	114,500	120,000	118,500	118,000	-500	-0.4%	17.7%	15.8%
Transportation and storage	37,300	43,000	37,500	39,500	38,000	39,000	48,000	46,500	43,500	-3,000	-6.5%	5.3%	5.8%
Accommodation and food service activities	49,500	47,000	50,000	50,500	55,000	51,500	53,000	55,500	63,500	8,000	14.4%	7.0%	8.5%
Information and communication	20,300	19,100	18,600	18,800	19,300	20,100	18,000	20,800	18,800	-2,000	-9.6%	2.9%	2.5%
Financial and insurance activities	19,300	20,300	18,300	19,500	19,000	20,500	20,300	17,000	17,500	500	2.9%	2.7%	2.3%
Real estate activities	11,500	12,600	11,500	9,800	10,300	11,400	10,900	12,000	12,000	0	0.0%	1.6%	1.6%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	48,000	43,300	40,000	43,800	47,500	44,800	46,300	46,800	42,500	-4,300	-9.1%	6.8%	5.7%
Administrative and support service activities	62,500	67,000	64,500	61,000	63,000	60,000	68,000	71,500	64,000	-7,500	-10.5%	8.9%	8.6%
Public administration and defence	27,500	27,000	26,500	26,800	27,000	27,800	28,300	31,000	31,500	500	1.6%	3.9%	4.2%
Education	71,500	73,500	73,000	72,500	71,000	73,500	69,000	72,500	71,000	-1,500	-2.1%	10.1%	9.5%
Human health and social work activities	96,500	91,500	95,500	95,500	98,000	97,500	99,000	98,000	112,000	14,000	14.3%	13.7%	15.0%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	15,500	16,800	17,300	17,400	15,000	16,400	14,600	19,400	19,800	400	1.9%	2.2%	2.6%
Other service activities	14,800	14,100	15,800	13,000	15,800	13,600	13,800	13,100	14,800	1,600	12.4%	2.1%	2.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>704,700</b>	<b>706,300</b>	<b>703,800</b>	<b>704,500</b>	<b>723,000</b>	<b>710,600</b>	<b>729,800</b>	<b>740,000</b>	<b>745,400</b>	<b>5,400</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 17: South East Local Enterprise Partnership**

South East Local Enterprise Partnership	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	1 year change 2022-23	% change 2022-23	Structure 2015 %	Structure 2023 %
Primary Industries (Agriculture/Mining/Utilities)	49,700	45,100	49,200	39,100	37,100	39,800	38,300	40,200	35,600	-4,600	-11.3%	3.1%	2.1%
Manufacturing	103,500	107,500	106,000	105,500	108,000	98,000	98,500	101,500	104,500	3,000	3.0%	6.6%	6.2%
Construction	98,000	101,000	107,500	103,500	112,000	124,500	123,000	125,000	118,000	-7,000	-5.6%	6.2%	7.0%
Wholesale and retail trade	286,000	275,500	278,000	282,500	281,000	268,000	270,000	272,000	269,500	-2,500	-0.9%	18.1%	16.0%
Transportation and storage	79,000	91,500	83,500	92,500	86,000	96,500	106,500	104,000	107,500	3,500	3.4%	5.0%	6.4%
Accommodation and food service activities	115,000	112,500	118,000	118,500	125,000	119,000	123,000	134,500	144,500	10,000	7.4%	7.3%	8.6%
Information and communication	49,500	48,000	45,000	43,500	46,000	47,000	45,500	44,000	42,500	-1,500	-3.4%	3.1%	2.5%
Financial and insurance activities	42,000	42,500	42,500	43,000	42,000	43,000	41,500	39,000	39,000	0	0.0%	2.7%	2.3%
Real estate activities	25,000	27,000	26,000	25,000	26,000	25,000	26,500	29,000	32,500	3,500	12.1%	1.6%	1.9%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	110,000	109,000	111,500	117,500	120,000	112,500	115,500	105,000	106,000	1,000	1.0%	7.0%	6.3%
Administrative and support service activities	129,000	141,000	133,000	128,000	129,000	131,000	145,500	144,000	138,500	-5,500	-3.8%	8.2%	8.2%
Public administration and defence	57,000	59,000	56,000	56,500	60,000	60,000	64,000	69,500	69,500	0	0.0%	3.6%	4.1%
Education	152,000	156,500	156,000	159,000	155,000	153,500	156,000	151,000	150,500	-500	-0.3%	9.6%	8.9%
Human health and social work activities	223,500	219,000	228,000	223,500	226,000	228,000	230,000	223,500	245,000	21,500	9.6%	14.1%	14.6%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	37,000	41,000	43,500	41,000	38,000	36,500	36,000	42,000	44,000	2,000	4.8%	2.3%	2.6%
Other service activities	35,500	32,000	33,500	28,500	34,000	30,500	31,500	29,500	35,000	5,500	18.6%	2.2%	2.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,579,800</b>	<b>1,596,100</b>	<b>1,605,200</b>	<b>1,607,100</b>	<b>1,625,100</b>	<b>1,612,800</b>	<b>1,651,300</b>	<b>1,653,700</b>	<b>1,682,100</b>	<b>28,500</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 18: South East Region**

South East Region	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	1 year change 2022-23	% change 2022-23	Structure 2015 %	Structure 2023 %
Primary Industries (Agriculture/Mining/Utilities)	80,800	78,100	89,900	83,000	84,300	87,100	92,300	90,000	80,000	-10,000	-11.1%	2.0%	1.8%
Manufacturing	251,500	260,500	251,000	262,500	275,000	259,000	241,500	249,000	261,500	12,500	5.0%	6.2%	6.0%
Construction	182,500	205,000	223,500	212,000	220,000	237,000	235,500	213,000	208,500	-4,500	-2.1%	4.5%	4.8%
Wholesale and retail trade	676,500	674,000	666,500	678,000	688,000	629,000	655,500	639,000	647,500	8,500	1.3%	16.6%	15.0%
Transportation and storage	179,500	208,500	188,000	194,000	188,000	187,000	212,500	205,500	199,000	-6,500	-3.2%	4.4%	4.6%
Accommodation and food service activities	298,500	282,000	298,000	304,000	323,000	297,000	303,000	318,500	371,500	53,000	16.6%	7.3%	8.6%
Information and communication	256,000	253,000	238,500	235,000	239,000	250,000	226,000	261,000	239,000	-22,000	-8.4%	6.3%	5.5%
Financial and insurance activities	119,500	117,500	116,000	119,000	114,000	123,000	117,500	101,500	114,500	13,000	12.8%	2.9%	2.6%
Real estate activities	72,000	78,000	67,000	58,000	60,000	72,000	69,000	70,000	72,500	2,500	3.6%	1.8%	1.7%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	366,500	366,500	325,500	372,500	379,000	361,500	380,500	409,500	387,000	-22,500	-5.5%	9.0%	8.9%
Administrative and support service activities	323,500	378,000	357,000	359,000	351,000	329,000	367,500	390,500	344,500	-46,000	-11.8%	7.9%	8.0%
Public administration and defence	132,000	130,000	130,000	130,500	133,000	135,000	136,500	151,500	150,500	-1,000	-0.7%	3.2%	3.5%
Education	424,000	421,000	422,000	413,000	418,000	418,500	393,500	421,500	422,000	500	0.1%	10.4%	9.8%
Human health and social work activities	512,000	497,000	518,500	526,500	540,000	525,500	537,500	539,500	603,000	63,500	11.8%	12.6%	13.9%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	102,000	107,500	111,500	111,000	98,000	109,000	97,500	127,500	131,000	3,500	2.7%	2.5%	3.0%
Other service activities	96,500	91,000	103,500	88,000	102,000	88,000	87,500	82,000	94,000	12,000	14.6%	2.4%	2.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,073,300</b>	<b>4,147,600</b>	<b>4,106,400</b>	<b>4,146,000</b>	<b>4,212,300</b>	<b>4,107,600</b>	<b>4,153,300</b>	<b>4,269,500</b>	<b>4,326,000</b>	<b>56,500</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 19: England**

England	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	1 year change 2022-23	% change 2022- 2023	Structure 2015 %	Structure 2023 %
Primary Industries (Agriculture/Mining/Utilities)	436,500	442,500	461,500	474,000	456,000	474,500	466,000	460,500	446,500	-14,000	-3.0%	1.7%	1.6%
Manufacturing	2,030,000	2,039,000	2,079,500	2,085,500	2,091,000	1,997,500	1,977,500	2,032,500	2,035,500	3,000	0.1%	8.1%	7.4%
Construction	1,123,000	1,142,000	1,228,000	1,201,500	1,271,000	1,215,000	1,274,500	1,300,000	1,298,500	-1,500	-0.1%	4.5%	4.7%
Wholesale and retail trade	3,941,500	3,908,000	3,925,000	3,981,000	3,973,000	3,856,500	3,814,000	3,812,500	3,773,500	-39,000	-1.0%	15.7%	13.7%
Transportation and storage	1,181,500	1,273,500	1,249,500	1,279,000	1,326,000	1,339,500	1,375,000	1,387,000	1,400,500	13,500	1.0%	4.7%	5.1%
Accommodation and food service activities	1,776,500	1,869,500	1,905,000	1,936,000	1,976,000	1,844,000	1,988,500	2,144,000	2,156,000	12,000	0.6%	7.1%	7.8%
Information and communication	1,107,000	1,122,500	1,159,000	1,148,500	1,182,000	1,197,500	1,227,000	1,293,000	1,309,500	16,500	1.3%	4.4%	4.8%
Financial and insurance activities	897,500	922,000	913,500	902,000	933,000	914,000	967,500	908,500	947,500	39,000	4.3%	3.6%	3.4%
Real estate activities	434,500	421,500	439,500	453,000	466,000	472,500	490,000	516,000	535,500	19,500	3.8%	1.7%	1.9%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	2,177,500	2,296,000	2,259,000	2,315,000	2,391,000	2,325,500	2,455,500	2,546,000	2,644,000	98,000	3.8%	8.7%	9.6%
Administrative and support service activities	2,290,000	2,341,000	2,403,500	2,359,000	2,370,000	2,300,000	2,391,000	2,490,000	2,442,500	-47,500	-1.9%	9.1%	8.9%
Public administration and defence	1,029,500	1,013,000	1,012,500	1,038,000	1,063,000	1,080,500	1,135,500	1,175,500	1,199,000	23,500	2.0%	4.1%	4.4%
Education	2,293,000	2,286,000	2,308,500	2,311,500	2,278,000	2,301,500	2,308,500	2,317,500	2,350,500	33,000	1.4%	9.2%	8.5%
Human health and social work activities	3,187,000	3,244,000	3,318,000	3,306,000	3,331,000	3,394,000	3,529,000	3,577,000	3,713,000	136,000	3.8%	12.7%	13.5%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	598,000	629,000	649,000	632,000	645,000	574,500	615,000	636,500	702,000	65,500	10.3%	2.4%	2.6%
Other service activities	542,500	526,500	517,500	523,500	549,000	505,000	512,000	537,000	542,500	5,500	1.0%	2.2%	2.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,045,500</b>	<b>25,476,000</b>	<b>25,828,500</b>	<b>25,945,500</b>	<b>26,301,000</b>	<b>25,792,000</b>	<b>26,526,500</b>	<b>27,133,500</b>	<b>27,496,500</b>	<b>363,000</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 20: Great Britain**

Great Britain	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	1 year change 2022-23	% change 2022-2023	Structure 2015 %	Structure 2023 %
Primary Industries (Agriculture/Mining/Utilities)	584,000	584,000	603,500	618,500	600,000	621,000	614,500	601,500	596,500	-5,000	-0.8%	2.0%	1.9%
Manufacturing	2,354,000	2,356,500	2,400,500	2,408,000	2,399,000	2,311,000	2,290,000	2,341,500	2,350,500	9,000	0.4%	8.2%	7.5%
Construction	1,306,500	1,344,000	1,420,000	1,402,000	1,466,000	1,404,500	1,476,000	1,503,500	1,494,000	-9,500	-0.6%	4.5%	4.8%
Wholesale and retail trade	4,490,000	4,452,000	4,449,000	4,502,500	4,499,000	4,357,000	4,347,000	4,301,500	4,276,000	-25,500	-0.6%	15.6%	13.6%
Transportation and storage	1,326,500	1,418,000	1,396,500	1,427,500	1,472,000	1,494,000	1,522,500	1,541,500	1,558,500	17,000	1.1%	4.6%	5.0%
Accommodation and food service activities	2,071,500	2,165,500	2,190,000	2,236,500	2,300,000	2,121,500	2,278,500	2,466,000	2,491,500	25,500	1.0%	7.2%	7.9%
Information and communication	1,189,000	1,224,500	1,279,500	1,254,500	1,298,000	1,313,000	1,342,000	1,403,000	1,420,000	17,000	1.2%	4.1%	4.5%
Financial and insurance activities	1,011,000	1,032,500	1,025,500	1,021,000	1,049,000	1,021,000	1,077,500	1,024,000	1,063,000	39,000	3.8%	3.5%	3.4%
Real estate activities	481,000	475,500	486,000	505,500	520,000	527,500	545,000	568,000	589,000	21,000	3.7%	1.7%	1.9%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	2,403,000	2,519,500	2,491,500	2,561,000	2,631,000	2,564,500	2,687,000	2,798,000	2,892,500	94,500	3.4%	8.4%	9.2%
Administrative and support service activities	2,550,500	2,605,500	2,683,000	2,648,500	2,655,000	2,585,000	2,686,000	2,777,500	2,714,000	-63,500	-2.3%	8.9%	8.7%
Public administration and defence	1,262,500	1,253,000	1,256,500	1,281,500	1,314,000	1,341,000	1,399,000	1,442,000	1,475,500	33,500	2.3%	4.4%	4.7%
Education	2,611,000	2,601,500	2,624,500	2,619,000	2,597,000	2,618,000	2,637,000	2,653,000	2,681,500	28,500	1.1%	9.1%	8.6%
Human health and social work activities	3,796,500	3,849,000	3,900,000	3,908,000	3,922,000	3,994,500	4,117,500	4,163,000	4,344,500	181,500	4.4%	13.2%	13.9%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	697,000	737,000	751,500	731,500	741,000	658,500	707,500	746,000	805,500	59,500	8.0%	2.4%	2.6%
Other service activities	605,500	596,500	586,500	598,000	609,000	565,500	578,000	604,500	606,500	2,000	0.3%	2.1%	1.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,739,500</b>	<b>29,214,500</b>	<b>29,544,000</b>	<b>29,723,500</b>	<b>30,072,000</b>	<b>29,497,500</b>	<b>30,305,000</b>	<b>30,934,500</b>	<b>31,359,000</b>	<b>424,500</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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