

Food & Drink Production Enterprises 2024

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NOTE: within this bulletin "Kent" refers to the Kent County Council area which excludes Medway.

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The food and drink production industry is one of the UK's largest manufacturing sectors.

This report looks at the number of food and drink production enterprises in Kent. It also looks at the number of jobs in food and drink production and the contribution of agriculture to the industry.

Summary

- Kent has 2,180 food and drink production enterprises as of 2024 accounting for 3.4% of all enterprises in the county.
- Four Kent districts have a higher proportion of food and drink production enterprises than the national average of 4.1%.
- Farming enterprises (crop and animal production) account for 86.5% of food and drink production enterprises in Kent.
- As of 2023 there were an estimated 16,000 jobs in the food and drink production industry, just under two thirds of which were in crop and animal production.
- As of 2021 Kent had 2,534 agricultural holdings employing 13,253 farm workers.

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Introduction

The food and drink production industry is defined as all businesses involved in processing raw food materials, packaging, and distributing them. This includes fresh, prepared foods as well as packaged foods, and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

This report looks at food and drink production industries in Kent. Data on the food and drink production industry is based on Standard Industry Classification (SIC) codes. This is the main classification system used for EU industrial statistics.

2007 SIC	Food & Drink Production
01	Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities
010	DEFRA/Scottish Executive Agricultural Data
011	Growing of non-perennial crops
012	Growing of perennial crops
013	Plant propagation
014	Animal production
015	Mixed farming
016	Support activities to agriculture and post-harvest crop activities
017	Hunting, trapping and related service activities
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031	Fishing
032	Aquaculture
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103	Processing and preserving of fruit and vegetables
104	Manufacture of vegetable and animal oils and fats
105	Manufacture of dairy products
106	Manufacture of grain mill products, starches and starch products
107	Manufacture of bakery and farinaceous products
108	Manufacture of other food products
109	Manufacture of prepared animal feeds
11	Manufacture of beverages
110	Manufacture of beverages

This report looks at the number of food and drink production enterprises, employee jobs, the number of agricultural holdings and the agricultural labour force.

Enterprises

The number of food and drink production 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 that time. It is broken down by size band, industry, and turnover. Further information is available from [the Office for National Statistics](#) about the methodology used for producing these data.

Employee jobs

The number of employee jobs in the food and drink production 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 remembered when considering the quality of county and district estimates.

The survey provides us with estimates of employees by industrial sector. The food and drink production sector used in this bulletin is defined using the 2007 Standard Industrial Classification (2007SIC). Detailed information is published by the Office for National Statistics about the types of industry which make up each of the industrial sectors is available from [the UK Standard Industrial Classification of Economic Activities](#).

Agricultural holdings and labour force

Finally, this report looks at estimates of agricultural holdings and labour force using information from the annual survey of agriculture and horticulture produced by the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA). The survey takes place in June each year in England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. While the survey takes place each June, the sample changes each year. In years such as 2013, 2016 and 2021 the sample size was increased. This enables DEFRA to produce good quality estimates for detailed geographies in those years. In other years the sample size is smaller to reduce the burden on farmers and detailed agriculture and horticulture statistics are not produced in those years.

Food & Drink Production 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.

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4.1% of enterprises nationally are concerned with food and drink production. The South West has the highest concentration of food and drink production enterprises accounting for 9.6% of all businesses. London has the lowest concentration (0.5%), and the South East has the second lowest (2.8%).

Over recent years the number of food and drink production enterprises has fallen in all regions of England except London.

Table 1 overleaf shows the number and proportion of food and drink production enterprises in English regions. It shows the number and percentage change since the previous year as well as five-year change.

Table 1: Food and drink production enterprises by region

Food & Drink Production Enterprises 2024	Number	%	1 year number change	1 year % change	5 year number change	5 year % change
England	98,125	4.1%	-745	-0.8%	-7,335	-7.0%
South West	22,780	9.6%	-100	-0.4%	-1,990	-8.0%
Yorkshire and The Humber	11,350	6.0%	-85	-0.7%	-945	-7.7%
East Midlands	10,610	5.8%	-45	-0.4%	-950	-8.2%
West Midlands	12,155	5.6%	-105	-0.9%	-870	-6.7%
North East	3,975	5.5%	-25	-0.6%	-160	-3.9%
North West	11,855	4.5%	-120	-1.0%	-740	-5.9%
East	11,265	4.2%	-110	-1.0%	-1,210	-9.7%
South East	11,495	2.8%	-95	-0.8%	-930	-7.5%
London	2,640	0.5%	-50	-1.9%	460	21.1%

Ranked by percentage

Source: UK Business Counts

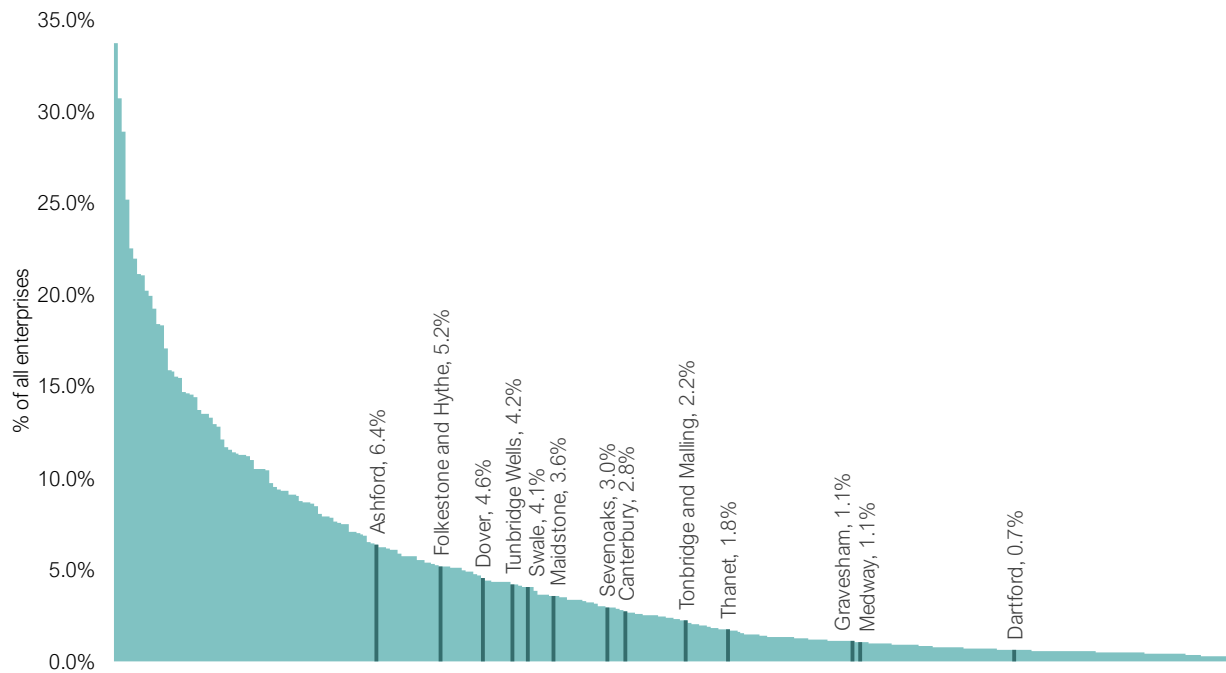
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Chart 1 shows the proportion of food and drink production enterprises in local authorities in England. While no Kent district is within the top 20% of districts with the highest concentration of food and drink production enterprises in the country (those with 7.6% or more) four districts are above the national average (Ashford, Folkestone & Hythe, Dover and Tunbridge Wells). Dartford is in the lowest 20% in the country (those with 0.7% or less).

Table 19 in the annex at the end of this bulletin lists the number and proportion of food and drink production enterprises in all 296 local authorities in England, in order of the local authority with the highest proportion of food and drink production enterprises to the least.

Chart 1: Food and Drink Production enterprises in England

Percentage of food & drink production enterprises in local authorities in England, 2024

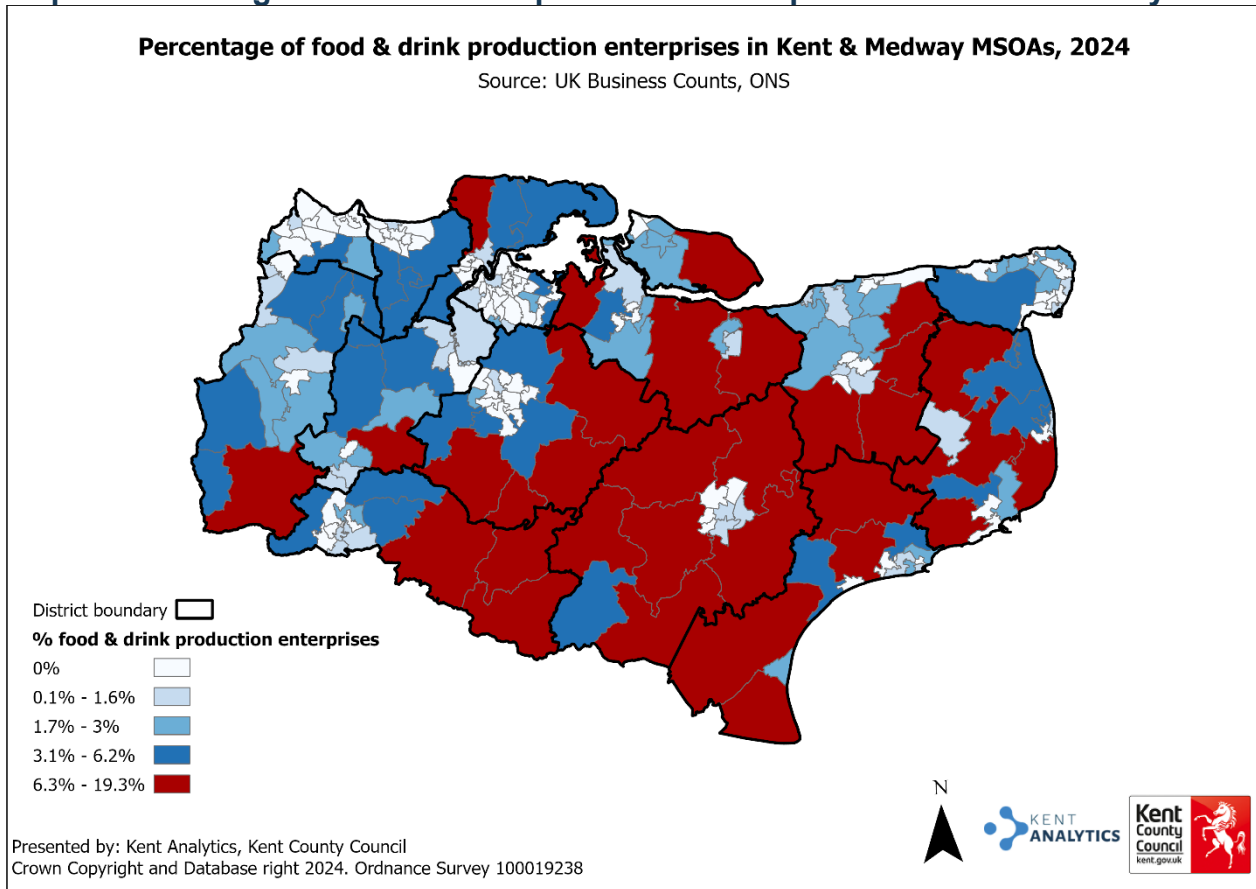


Source: UK Business Counts, ONS
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Map 1 shows the proportion of food and drink production enterprises in Kent and Medway MSOAs. MSOAs are a geographical hierarchy designed to improve the reporting of small area statistics in England and Wales.

The map shows that areas with the highest proportions of food and drink production enterprises tend to be in mid and east Kent. These areas are largely the more rural MSOAs. The districts in the West of the county and around urban areas, especially around the main towns such as Maidstone, Ashford and Canterbury have the lowest percentage.

Map 1: Percentage of food & drink production enterprises in Kent & Medway



3.4% of enterprises in Kent are concerned with food and drink production as of 2024. This is below the national average (4.1%) but higher than the regional average (2.8%).

The highest concentration of food and drink production enterprises in Kent can be found in Ashford (415 enterprises accounting for 6.4% of all enterprises in the district). Dartford has the lowest number and proportion in Kent (30 enterprises, 0.7%).

In the last year only Ashford and Thanet have seen a rise in the number of food and drink production enterprises, and six of the Kent districts saw no change. All Kent districts have seen a fall in the last 5 years except Dartford (+5), and Thanet has seen no change at all. As a result, Kent has had a 9.2% fall in the number of food and drink production enterprises. This is larger than the national decrease of 7.0% and the regional fall of 7.4%. The Kent district with the largest 5 year percentage change is Dover with a drop of 17.1%.

Table 2: Food & Drink Production enterprises

Food & Drink Production Enterprises 2024	Number	%	1 year number change	1 year % change	5 year number change	5 year % change
Ashford	415	6.4%	5	1.2%	-15	-3.5%
Canterbury	155	2.8%	-10	-6.1%	-25	-13.9%
Dartford	30	0.7%	0	0.0%	5	20.0%
Dover	170	4.6%	-10	-5.6%	-35	-17.1%
Folkestone & Hythe	195	5.2%	-5	-2.5%	-25	-11.4%
Gravesham	45	1.1%	0	0.0%	-5	-10.0%
Maidstone	285	3.6%	-10	-3.4%	-35	-10.9%
Sevenoaks	195	3.0%	0	0.0%	-10	-4.9%
Swale	210	4.1%	0	0.0%	-30	-12.5%
Thanet	80	1.8%	5	6.7%	0	0.0%
Tonbridge and Malling	135	2.2%	0	0.0%	-10	-6.9%
Tunbridge Wells	260	4.2%	0	0.0%	-35	-11.9%
Kent	2,180	3.4%	-20	-0.9%	-220	-9.2%
Medway	95	1.1%	0	0.0%	5	5.6%
Kent + Medway	2,275	3.1%	-20	-0.9%	-215	-8.6%
South East Region	11,495	2.8%	-90	-0.8%	-925	-7.4%
England	98,125	4.1%	-740	-0.7%	-7,330	-7.0%

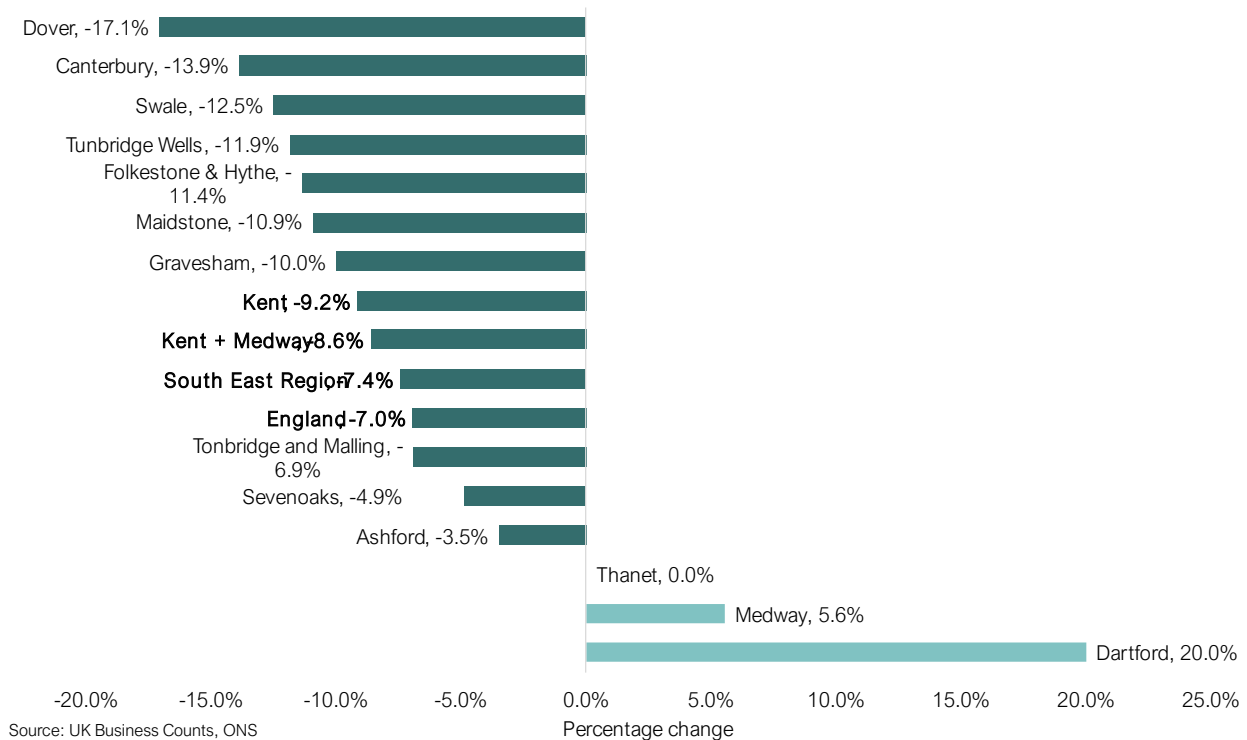
Source: UK Business Counts

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The five-year change in food and drink production enterprises can be seen in chart 2. Dartford saw an increase (+20.0%) and Medway saw a slight increase (+5.6%), both with 5 more food and drink production enterprises than five years ago.

Chart 2: Five-year change in food and drink production enterprises

5 year change in food & drink production enterprises, 2019 to 2024



The food and drink production sector is made up of four main subsectors: crop and animal production, fishing and aquaculture, manufacture of food products and manufacture of beverages.

Table 3 overleaf shows that crop and animal production are by far the largest part of the food and drink production industry with 1,885 enterprises accounting for 86.5% of the food and drink production enterprises in Kent. Ashford has the highest number of crop and animal production enterprises (385) accounting for 92.8% of all the food and drink production enterprises in the district.

Fishing & aquaculture enterprises make up the smallest proportion in Kent with 60, accounting for 2.8% of food and drink production enterprises in the county. Fishing and aquaculture enterprises in Kent are largely located unsurprisingly in coastal districts.

Table 3: Subsectors of food & drink production industry enterprises

Food & Drink Production Industries 2024	Total	Crop & animal production, hunting & related service activities	Fishing & aquaculture	Manufacture of food products	Manufacture of beverages
Ashford	415	385	5	20	5
Canterbury	155	125	10	20	5
Dartford	30	20	0	5	0
Dover	170	155	5	10	5
Folkestone & Hythe	195	165	10	10	5
Gravesham	45	40	0	5	5
Maidstone	285	255	5	20	10
Sevenoaks	195	180	0	10	0
Swale	210	175	10	20	10
Thanet	80	50	10	10	5
Tonbridge and Malling	135	110	0	15	10
Tunbridge Wells	260	225	5	20	10
Kent	2,180	1,885	60	165	70
Medway	95	65	0	25	5
Kent + Medway	2,275	1,950	65	190	70
South East Region	11,495	9,810	290	1,005	385
England	98,125	86,645	1,645	7,655	2,175

Source: UK Business Counts

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Looking in more detail at the enterprises which are classified as food and drink production industries the growing of non-perennial crops make up the largest proportion of food and drink production enterprises in Kent closely followed by animal production. Regionally and nationally, animal production makes up the largest proportion of enterprises followed by growing of non-perennial crops. This can be seen in table 4.

Medway has a lower proportion of crop and animal production enterprises but a much higher proportion of food and drink manufacturing enterprises.

Please note that all data is rounded at source so values may be rounded down to zero, however all zeros are not necessarily true zeros. This is particularly true for detailed industrial breakdowns.

Table 4: Detailed food & drink production industry enterprises

2024	Kent	Medway	South East Region	England
Total food & drink production enterprises	2,180	95	11,495	98,125
Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities	1,885	65	9,810	86,645
Growing of non-perennial crops	725	25	3,395	26,940
Growing of perennial crops	160	10	270	920
Plant propagation	20	0	115	575
Animal production	580	10	3,715	40,375
Mixed farming	255	10	1,515	12,320
Support activities to agriculture and post-harvest crop activities	140	10	760	5,310
Hunting, trapping and related service activities	5	0	35	205
Fishing and aquaculture	60	0	290	1,645
Fishing	45	0	225	1,390
Aquaculture	15	0	65	255
Manufacture of food products	165	25	1,005	7,655
Processing and preserving of meat and production of meat products	15	0	80	795
Processing and preserving of fish, crustaceans and molluscs	5	0	15	170
Processing and preserving of fruit and vegetables	15	0	70	475
Manufacture of vegetable and animal oils and fats	0	0	5	70
Manufacture of dairy products	15	0	75	585
Manufacture of grain mill products, starches and starch products	0	0	20	155
Manufacture of bakery and farinaceous products	60	15	370	2,660
Manufacture of other food products	45	5	315	2,280
Manufacture of prepared animal feeds	10	0	55	465
Manufacture of beverages	70	5	385	2,175
Manufacture of beverages	70	5	285	2,175

Source: UK Business Counts

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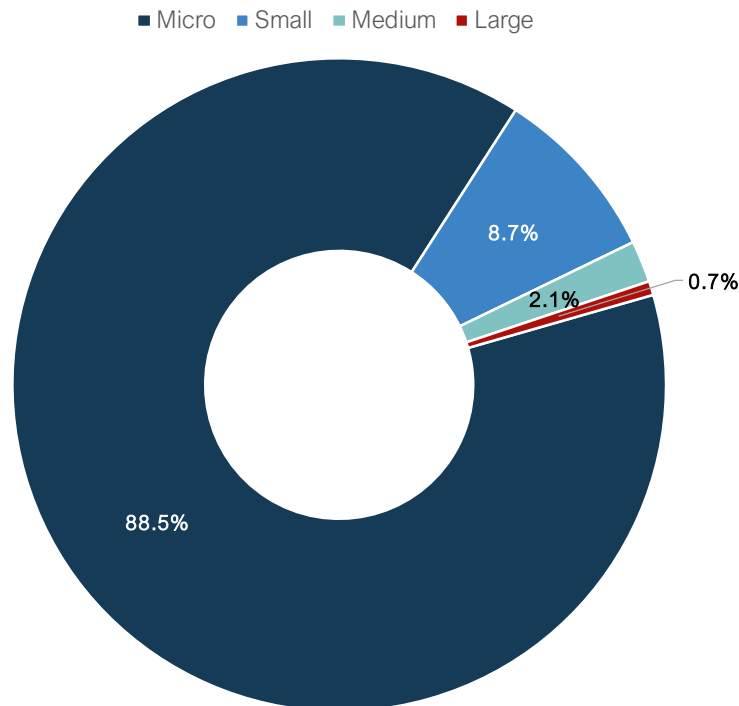
The size of an enterprise can be classified as micro, small, medium, or large depending upon the number of workers it employs. The following table shows the number of employees within each size classification.

Enterprise size	Number of employees
Micro	0 to 9
Small	10 to 49
Medium	50 to 249
Large	250+

Food and drink production enterprises by employment size band are shown in chart 3.

Chart 3: Kent food & drink production enterprises by employment size band

Kent food & drink production enterprises employment sizebands 2024



Source: UK Business Counts, ONS
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The majority of food and drink production enterprises in Kent (88.5%) are micro enterprises (employing 0-9 people). Very few food and drink production enterprises in Kent are classed as large enterprises (those employing 250 people or more) and these can only be found in Maidstone, and Swale.

The number of food and drink production enterprises by employment size band in Kent districts are shown in table 5 overleaf.

Table 5: Food & Drink production enterprises - size bands

Employment sizeband - Food & Drink production 2024	Total	Micro	Small	Medium	Large	Micro	Small	Medium	Large
Ashford	415	380	30	5	0	91.6%	7.2%	1.2%	0.0%
Canterbury	155	135	20	0	0	87.1%	12.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Dartford	30	20	10	0	0	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Dover	170	150	15	5	0	88.2%	8.8%	2.9%	0.0%
Folkestone & Hythe	195	180	10	0	0	92.3%	5.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Gravesham	45	45	0	0	0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Maidstone	285	255	20	5	5	89.5%	7.0%	1.8%	1.8%
Sevenoaks	195	175	15	0	0	89.7%	7.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Swale	210	180	20	10	5	85.7%	9.5%	4.8%	2.4%
Thanet	80	60	15	5	0	75.0%	18.8%	6.3%	0.0%
Tonbridge and Malling	135	115	10	5	0	85.2%	7.4%	3.7%	0.0%
Tunbridge Wells	260	230	20	5	0	88.5%	7.7%	1.9%	0.0%
Kent	2,180	1,930	190	45	15	88.5%	8.7%	2.1%	0.7%
Medway	95	80	10	5	5	84.2%	10.5%	5.3%	5.3%
Kent + Medway	2,275	2,005	200	50	15	88.1%	8.8%	2.2%	0.7%
South East Region	11,495	10,505	790	150	50	91.4%	6.9%	1.3%	0.4%
England	98,125	91,385	5,000	985	300	93.1%	5.1%	1.0%	0.3%

Source: UK Business Counts

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65.4% of Kent food and drink production enterprises have an annual turnover of under £200,000, this reflects a similar picture to that seen nationally (68.0%) and regionally (66.9%). This is shown in table 6 overleaf.

Table 6: Food & Drink production enterprises – turnover

Food & drink production enterprise turnover (£0,000s) 2024	Kent	Medway	South East	England
Total	2,180	95	11,495	98,125
0 to 49	485	20	2,665	24,675
50 to 99	405	20	2,155	18,495
100 to 249	535	20	2,875	23,585
250 to 499	280	15	1,585	13,045
500 to 999	195	5	1,035	8,990
1000 to 1999	145	5	590	4,835
2000 to 4999	75	5	350	2,650
5000 to 9999	30	0	105	785
10000 to 49999	25	0	95	720
50000+	5	0	40	340

Source: UK Business Counts

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Employee jobs in Food and Drink Production

The Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) provides us with estimates of the number of employee jobs by industrial sector. The food and drink production sector used in this bulletin is defined using the 2007 Standard Industrial Classification (2007SIC). All numbers are rounded. 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.

An estimated 1.8% of employee jobs in England are in food and drink production. This has grown by 2.3% (+11,000 jobs) since 2018.

The East Midlands region has the highest number and proportion of jobs in food and drink production. The South East region has the third lowest proportion (1.5%) and is below the national average.

Table 7: Food & drink production employee jobs by region

Food & Drink Production Jobs - 2023	Number	%	5 year change	5 year % change
England	499,500	1.8%	11,000	2.3%
East Midlands	75,000	3.5%	-7,500	-9.6%
Yorkshire and The Humber	69,000	2.8%	9,000	12.9%
West Midlands	62,500	2.3%	0	0.0%
East	63,000	2.2%	2,500	4.2%
South West	55,500	2.2%	-2,000	-3.5%
North West	72,000	2.1%	11,500	19.3%
South East	63,500	1.5%	-1,500	-2.7%
North East	15,500	1.4%	-2,000	-10.8%
London	39,000	0.7%	-500	-1.4%

All data rounded to nearest 100

Ranked by 2023 %

Source: BRES

Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Kent has a higher proportion of food and drink production jobs than the regional and national average. As of 2023 it was estimated that there were 16,000 employee jobs in food and drink production in Kent, accounting for 2.5% of all jobs in the county.

Swale and Maidstone have the highest number of food and drink production jobs in Kent (Swale 4,000 and Maidstone 2,500 employees) accounting for 7.5% and 3.2% of the employee jobs within each district respectively.

Swale (7.5%) and Dover (3.7%) have the highest proportion of food and drink production jobs in the county. Gravesham district has seen the biggest increase in food and drink production jobs since 2018 with 500 more jobs within the industry, an increase of 441.7%.

Canterbury (-800, -50.8%), Dartford (-200, -36.4%), Dover (-300, -15.4%), Folkestone & Hythe (-100, -14.3%) and Tunbridge Wells (-400, -25.0%) are the districts in Kent to see the number of food and drink production jobs fall over recent years.

Table 8 shows the number and proportion of food and drink production jobs in 2023 and the five-year change.

Table 8: Food and drink production employee jobs

Food & drink production jobs 2023	Number	%	5-year change	5-year % change
Ashford	2,000	3.2%	100	6.7%
Canterbury	800	1.1%	-800	-50.8%
Dartford	400	0.5%	-200	-36.4%
Dover	1,400	3.7%	-300	-15.4%
Folkestone & Hythe	300	0.8%	-100	-14.3%
Gravesham	700	1.9%	500	441.7%
Maidstone	2,500	3.2%	300	11.1%
Sevenoaks	600	1.2%	0	0.0%
Swale	4,000	7.5%	300	6.7%
Thanet	400	0.9%	0	0.0%
Tonbridge & Malling	1,900	2.9%	100	7.1%
Tunbridge Wells	1,100	2.1%	-400	-25.0%
Kent	16,000	2.5%	-500	-3.0%
Medway	800	0.8%	-900	-53.8%
Kent + Medway	17,000	2.3%	-1,000	-5.6%
South East	55,000	1.3%	-1,500	-2.7%
England	499,500	1.8%	11,000	2.3%

Source: BRES

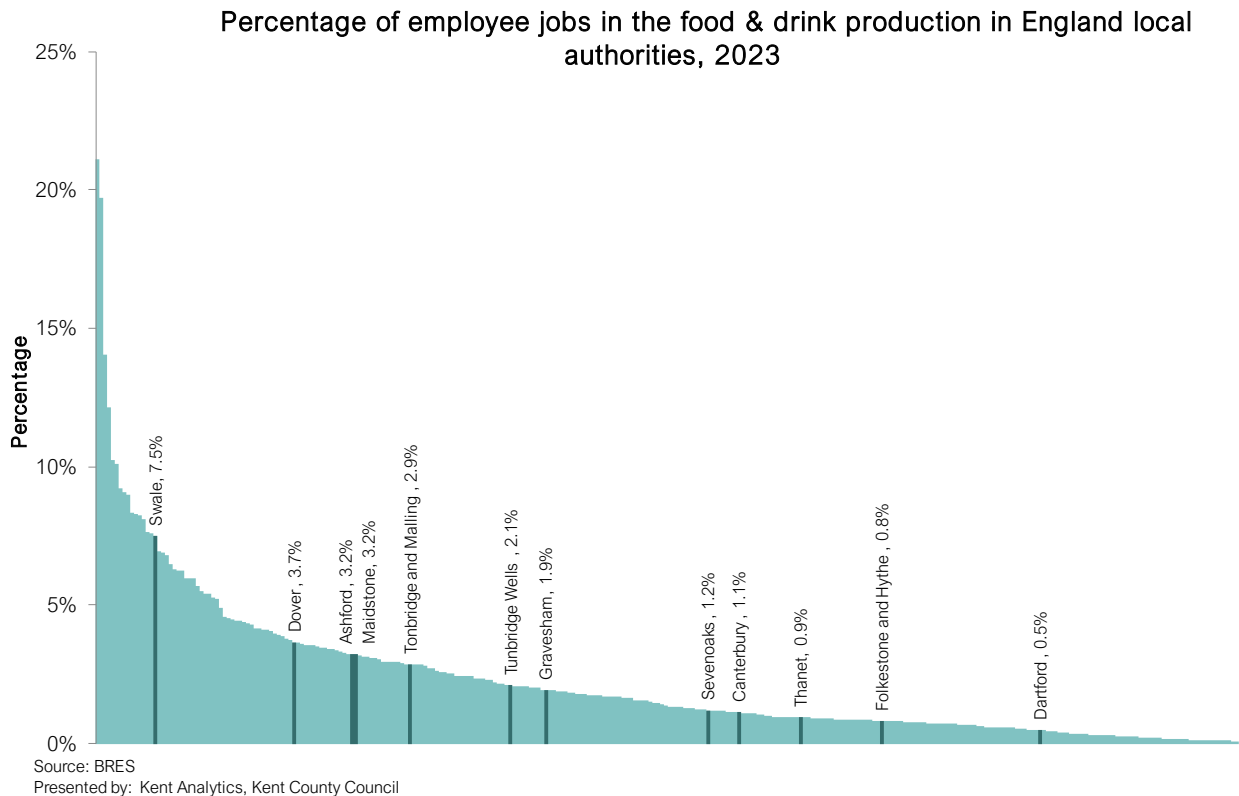
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When compared to other authorities in England, Swale and Dover are within the top 20% of local authorities with the highest proportion of employee jobs in the food and drink production industry in the country (those with 3.5% or more).

Dartford is the only Kent authority to be within the bottom 20% of local authorities with the lowest proportion of jobs in the food and drink production industry (those with 0.6% or less).

Table 20 in the annex at the end of this bulletin lists the number and proportion of food and drink production employee jobs in all 296 local authorities in England, in order of the local authority with the highest proportion of food and drink production employee jobs to the least.

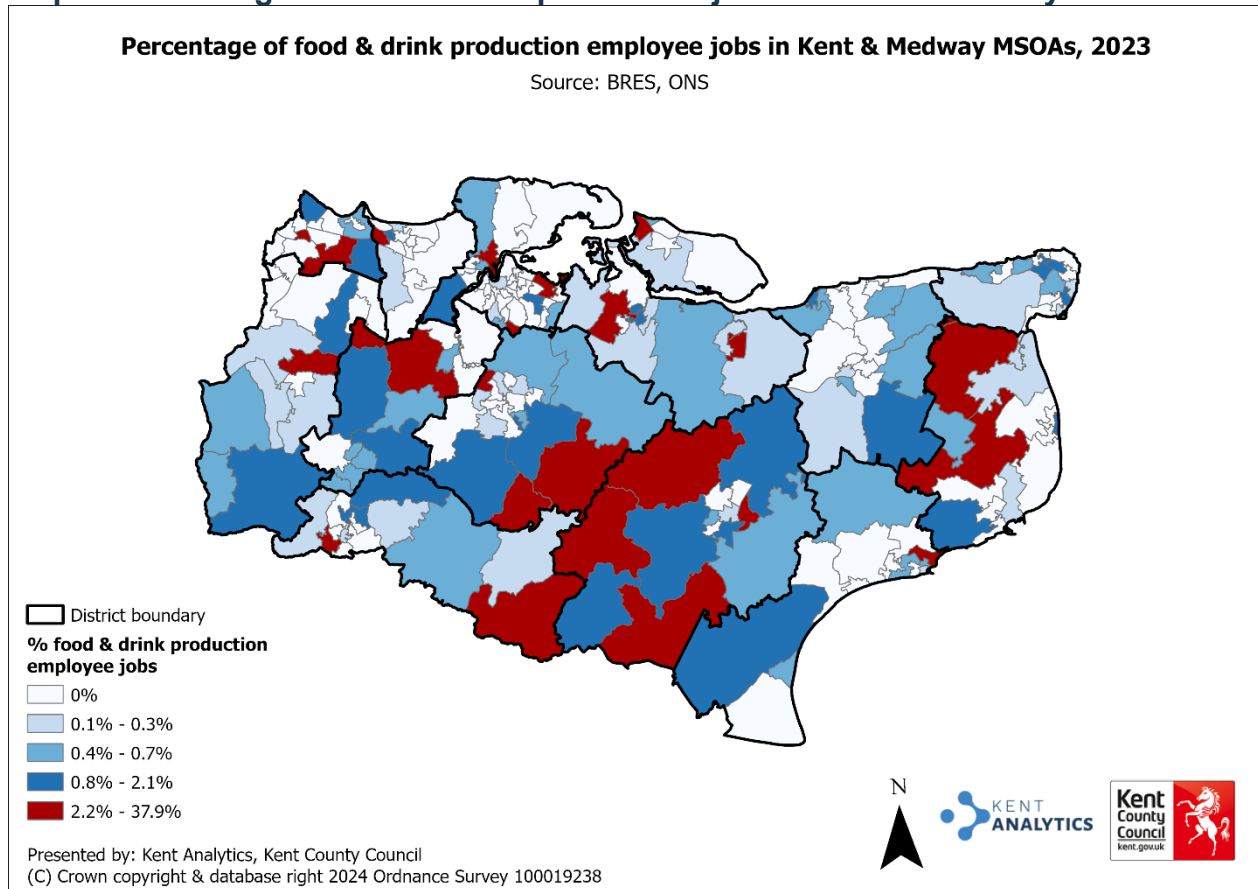
Chart 4: Employee jobs in food and drink production in English authorities



Map 2 shows the proportion of food and drink production employee jobs in Kent and Medway MSOAs. MSOAs are a geographical hierarchy designed to improve the reporting of small area statistics in England and Wales.

The map shows that all districts within Kent except Canterbury have areas with higher density of Food & Drink production job employees. When looking at the whole county, the densest areas are in central and south Kent.

Map 2: Percentage of food & drink production jobs in Kent & Medway



Tables 9 and 10 show the number and proportion of jobs in those industries which make up the food and drink production sector. The majority of food and drink production jobs in Kent (62.5%) are within crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities. This is considerably higher than is seen nationally where crop and animal production account for a far smaller proportion of jobs (26.2%). This reflects the importance of the agricultural industry to food and drink production within Kent.

Kent has a much lower proportion of jobs in manufacture of food products than the national average (34.4% in Kent compared to 66.3% in England).

Table 9: Subsectors of food & drink production employee jobs

2023	Total Food & Drink Production	Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities	Fishing and aquaculture	Manufacture of food products	Manufacture of beverages
Ashford	2,000	1,100	0	800	100
Canterbury	800	600	0	100	0
Dartford	400	100	0	300	0
Dover	1,400	500	0	900	0
Folkestone & Hythe	300	200	0	100	0
Gravesham	700	100	0	500	0
Maidstone	2,500	1,900	0	700	100
Sevenoaks	600	400	0	200	0
Swale	4,000	3,000	0	900	200
Thanet	400	200	0	200	0
Tonbridge and Malling	1,900	1,500	0	300	0
Tunbridge Wells	1,100	500	0	600	0
Kent	16,000	10,000	100	5,500	700
Medway	800	300	0	400	100
Kent + Medway	17,000	10,000	100	6,000	700
South East	55,000	27,000	300	24,500	3,500
England	499,500	131,000	2,000	331,000	35,500

All data is rounded to nearest 100

Source: BRES

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Table 10: Subsectors of food & drink production employee jobs (Percentages)

2023	Total Food & Drink Production	Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities	Fishing and aquaculture	Manufacture of food products	Manufacture of beverages
Ashford	100%	56.3%	0.5%	37.5%	6.5%
Canterbury	100%	75.0%	1.9%	13.8%	5.0%
Dartford	100%	22.9%	0.0%	78.6%	1.4%
Dover	100%	34.5%	0.0%	65.5%	0.7%
Folkestone & Hythe	100%	63.3%	3.3%	33.3%	3.3%
Gravesham	100%	13.8%	0.0%	76.9%	2.3%
Maidstone	100%	75.0%	0.2%	26.0%	4.0%
Sevenoaks	100%	58.3%	0.0%	35.0%	6.7%
Swale	100%	75.0%	0.1%	22.5%	5.6%
Thanet	100%	43.8%	1.3%	45.0%	10.0%
Tonbridge and Malling	100%	80.0%	0.8%	14.7%	1.6%
Tunbridge Wells	100%	42.2%	0.9%	48.9%	1.3%
Kent	100%	62.5%	0.4%	34.4%	4.1%
Medway	100%	36.7%	0.0%	56.7%	6.7%
Kent + Medway	100%	58.8%	0.4%	35.3%	4.1%
South East	100%	49.1%	0.5%	44.5%	6.4%
England	100%	26.2%	0.4%	66.3%	7.1%

Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding

Source: BRES

Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Table 11 shows more detailed information about the jobs within each of the industries within the food and drink production sector. Detailed information for crop and animal production is unavailable from this dataset. However, further information about the agricultural industry and agricultural jobs in Kent can be found in the final section of this report.

Table 11: Detailed food & drink production industry employees

2023	Kent	Medway	South East	England
Total food & drink production enterprises	16,000	800	55,000	499,500
Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities <i>DEFRA/Scottish Executive</i> <i>Agricultural Data</i>	62.5%	34.4%	49.1%	26.2%
<i>Growing of non-perennial crops</i>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Growing of perennial crops</i>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Plant propagation</i>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Animal production</i>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Mixed farming</i>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Support activities to agriculture and post-harvest crop activities</i>	3.4%	2.5%	3.0%	2.9%
<i>Hunting, trapping and related service activities</i>	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%
Fishing and aquaculture	0.4%	0.0%	0.5%	0.4%
<i>Fishing</i>	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%
<i>Aquaculture</i>	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%
Manufacture of food products	34.4%	53.1%	44.5%	66.3%
<i>Processing and preserving of meat and production of meat products</i>	2.7%	5.6%	3.9%	13.6%
<i>Processing and preserving of fish, crustaceans and molluscs</i>	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	1.6%
<i>Processing and preserving of fruit and vegetables</i>	10.9%	2.5%	5.9%	5.8%
<i>Manufacture of vegetable and animal oils and fats</i>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%
<i>Manufacture of dairy products</i>	0.7%	0.0%	1.8%	4.3%
<i>Manufacture of grain mill products, starches and starch products</i>	0.2%	31.3%	1.3%	1.8%
<i>Manufacture of bakery and farinaceous products</i>	7.8%	5.0%	13.6%	17.1%
<i>Manufacture of other food products</i>	10.9%	9.4%	15.5%	18.2%
<i>Manufacture of prepared animal feeds</i>	0.7%	0.0%	1.7%	3.4%
Manufacture of beverages	4.1%	6.3%	6.4%	7.1%
<i>Manufacture of beverages</i>	4.1%	6.3%	6.4%	7.1%

Detailed information about agricultural employees is not available

All data is individually rounded at source and so percentages may not sum to 100%

Source: BRES

Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Agricultural Industry in Kent

This report has shown that agriculture accounts for a significant part of the food and drink production sector in both the number of enterprises and the number of people it employs.

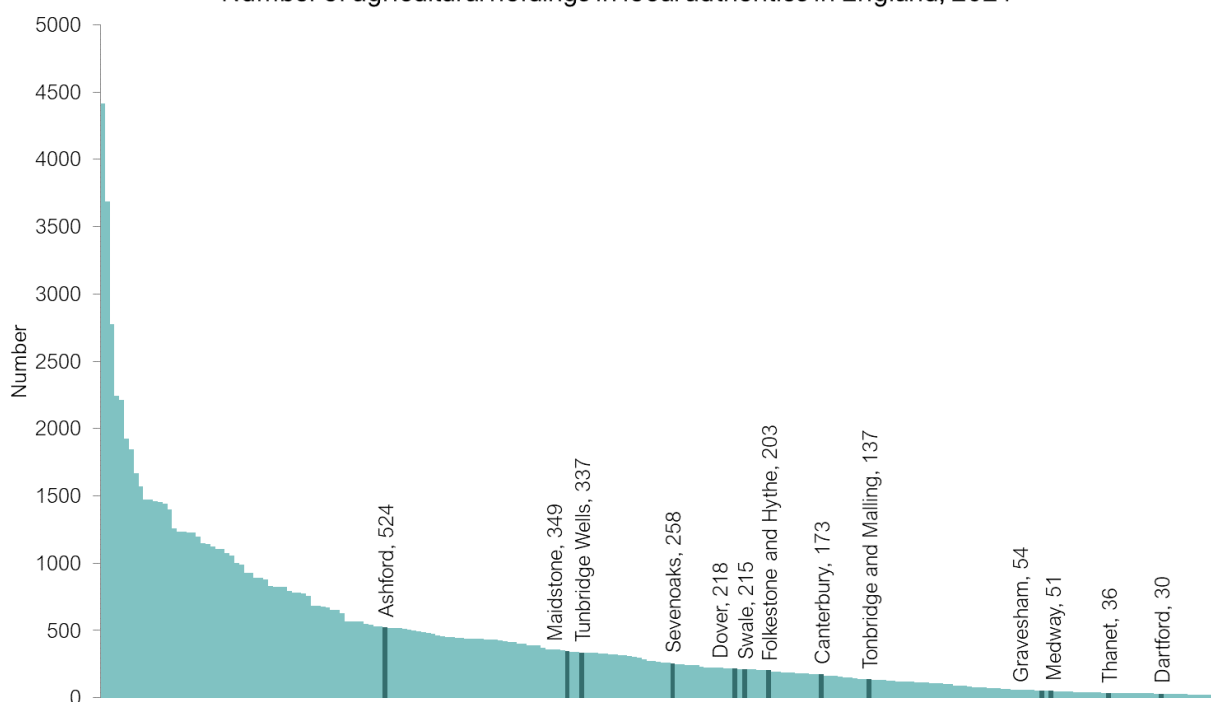
This section looks at information from the survey of agriculture and horticulture produced by the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA). It provides estimates of agricultural holdings and workers. The latest data is for 2021.

As of June 2021, there were an estimated 2,534 agricultural holdings in Kent.

Chart 5 shows the number of agricultural holdings in Kent and Medway local authorities in 2021 compared to other authorities in England. Table 21 in the annex at the end of this bulletin lists the number of agricultural holdings in local authorities in England in 2021. The table also includes the number of agricultural workers in English local authorities in 2021, and is ordered by the local authority with the highest number of agricultural workers to the least.

Chart 5: Agricultural holdings in English local authorities

Number of agricultural holdings in local authorities in England, 2021



Source: DEFRA Agricultural Census
Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

More than half the agricultural holdings in Kent (51.0%) were involved with growing of plants and vegetables (cereals, cropping and horticulture) and 40.1% with animal production.

Table 12: Agricultural holdings

2021	Kent	Medway	South East Region	England
Total holdings	2,534	52	13,015	105,220
Cereals	451	16	2,313	16,468
General Cropping	544	-	2,800	20,327
Horticulture	297	10	760	3,577
Specialist Pigs	21	0	111	1,772
Specialist Poultry	39	#	249	2,485
Dairy	43	0	264	5,580
Grazing Livestock	0	0	0	12,233
Grazing Livestock (Lowland)	914	10	5,265	31,987
Mixed	148	-	894	7,187
Unclassified	72	0	359	3,604

Source: DEFRA Agricultural Census: Structure of the agricultural industry
Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Tables 13 and 14 show data regarding the agricultural holdings in Kent & Medway.

Ashford district has the largest number of agricultural holdings (524) covering some 42,439 hectares. Arable and cereal crops cover a large proportion of that land. It also has the highest head of cattle, sheep, and pigs.

Dartford and Gravesham have the lowest amount of farmed land. Tunbridge Wells district has the highest number of poultry having at least 9 times as many as any other local authority.

Table 13: Agricultural holdings in Kent & Medway local authority districts (Hectares)

Hectares - 2021	Number of holdings	Total farmed area	Cereals	Arable crops (excl cereals)	Fruit and vegetables	Grassland
Ashford	524	42,439	14,762	5,691	968	16,483
Canterbury	173	16,553	5,715	2,514	1,311	4,508
Dartford & Gravesham	84	5,752	2,307	877	261	1,489
Dover	218	20,003	8,597	3,639	742	5,151
Folkestone & Hythe	203	20,948	7,871	3,173	25	8,173
Maidstone	349	24,591	9,658	3,029	1,630	7,372
Sevenoaks	258	21,310	4,947	2,392	199	9,684
Swale	215	25,372	8,143	4,353	3,738	6,429
Thanet	36	6,455	2,969	1,832	169	561
Tonbridge And Malling	137	10,091	2,994	1,234	952	2,930
Tunbridge Wells	337	20,181	5,078	2,289	1,468	8,346
Medway	230	8,845	2,395	1,040	424	4,327

Source: DEFRA Agricultural Census: Structure of the agricultural industry
Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Table 14: Agricultural holdings in Kent & Medway local authority districts (Number of livestock)

Number of livestock - 2021	Number of holdings	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs	Poultry
Ashford	524	10,717	67,244	2,314	164,159
Canterbury	173	3,879	11,694	1,667	49,156
Dartford & Gravesham	84	132	1,498	-	343
Dover	218	5,827	10,199	1,390	20,296
Folkestone & Hythe	203	5,495	49,381	359	118,958
Maidstone	349	6,265	22,651	860	234,928
Sevenoaks	258	7,726	18,623	342	59,255
Swale	215	2,246	22,227	1,030	54,830
Thanet	36	-	877	-	-
Tonbridge And Malling	137	1,613	3,251	1,845	16,368
Tunbridge Wells	337	4,458	31,225	1,057	2,307,555
Medway	230	1,900	9,593	-	811

Source: DEFRA Agricultural Census: Structure of the agricultural industry
Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

County level figures are not available from the 2021 data. However, data has been published for ITLs (International Territorial Levels). ITLs (formerly NUTs - Nomenclature of Territorial Units) are a way of subdividing the country for statistical purposes allowing comparisons with other countries. Kent (ITL2) is made up of 5 ITL3 areas: Medway; Kent Thames Gateway (comprising Dartford, Gravesham, and Swale); East Kent (comprising Canterbury, Dover, Folkestone & Hythe, and Thanet); Mid Kent (comprising Ashford and Maidstone); and West Kent (comprising Sevenoaks, Tonbridge & Malling and Tunbridge Wells).

Of the 13,253 agricultural workforce in Kent, Mid-Kent makes up the largest proportion of this with 4,226 (31.9%) workers. This also equates to the fourth largest ITL3 agricultural workforce in the South East (incl. London). Nationally, Mid-Kent has the 26th highest agricultural workforce out of 130 ITL3 areas nationally.

Table 15: ITL3 areas in the South East with highest agricultural workforce (excluding those with less than 1.0% of South East total)

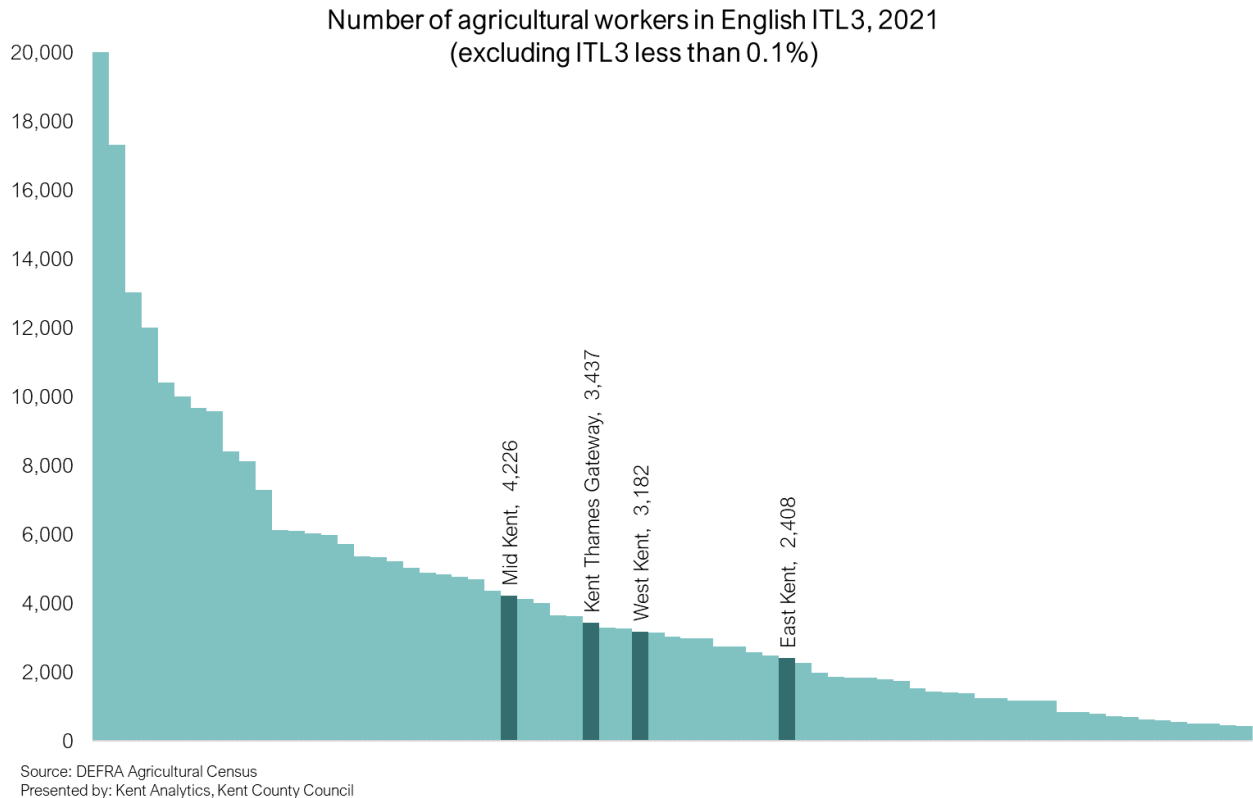
2021	Number	% of South East total
South East (incl. London)	45,400	100%
Oxfordshire CC	4,896	10.8%
Central Hampshire	4,702	10.4%
East Sussex CC	4,367	9.6%
Mid Kent	4,226	9.3%
West Sussex (South West)	3,624	8.0%
Kent Thames Gateway	3,437	7.6%
West Kent	3,182	7.0%
Buckinghamshire	3,142	6.9%
West Sussex (North East)	2,478	5.5%
East Kent	2,408	5.3%
Berkshire	1,866	4.1%
North Hampshire	1,793	3.9%
West Surrey	1,411	3.1%
East Surrey	1,168	2.6%
Isle of Wight	729	1.6%
South Hampshire	588	1.3%

Source: DEFRA Agricultural Census: Structure of the agricultural industry
Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Chart 6 highlights the Kent ITL3 areas against the other English ITL3 areas in 2021. Devon, North Yorkshire and Lincolnshire have the largest percentage of agricultural labourers nationally. The chart excludes ITL3 areas that make up less than 0.1% of the total English Agricultural Workforce.

Table 22 in the annex at the end of this bulletin lists the number and percentage of agricultural workers in English ITL3 areas in 2021, in order of the ITL3 area with the highest number and percentage of agricultural workers to the least.

Chart 6: Agricultural workers in English ITL3



39.5% of the agricultural workers in Kent (5,231 workers) are employed as casual workers, those employed for seasonal work, a far higher proportion than the national average of 13.1%. This is shown in table 16.

Table 16: Agricultural labour

2021	Kent CC	Medway	South East (incl. London)	England
Total labour	13,253	320	45,400	297,418
Farmers, partners, directors and spouses full time	2,290	53	10,032	93,988
Farmers, partners, directors and spouses part time	2,159	37	10,971	85,041
Salaried managers	552	6	2,461	11,812
Regular workers full time	2,313	42	7,911	41,753
Regular workers part time	708	18	4,099	25,924
Casual workers	5,231	165	9,926	38,900

Source: DEFRA Agricultural Census: Structure of the agricultural industry
Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

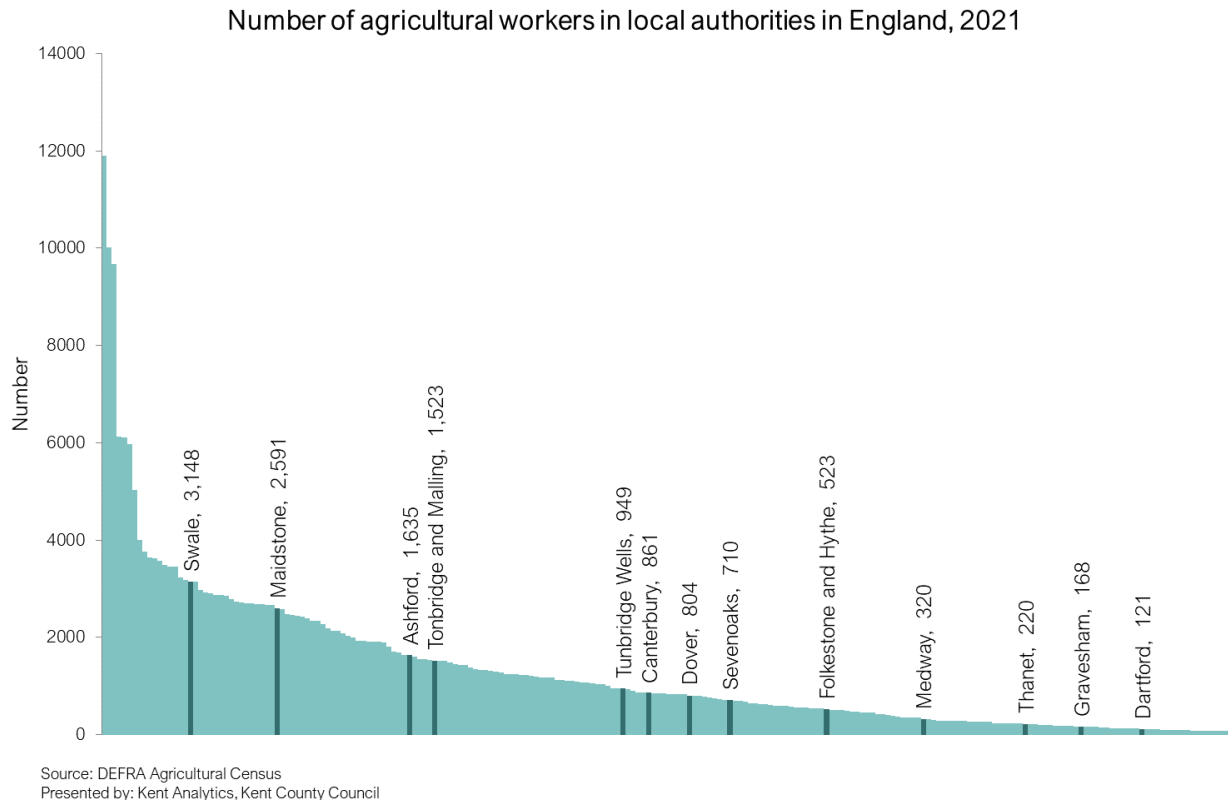
Chart 7 overleaf shows the number of agricultural workers in Kent local authorities compared to all other local authorities in England.

Swale and Maidstone are within the top 20% of local authorities in England with the highest number of agricultural workers (2,056 workers or more).

Thanet, Dartford and Gravesham are within the bottom 20% with the fewest agricultural workers (278 workers or less).

Table 21 in the annex at the end of this bulletin lists the number of agricultural workers in English local authorities in 2021, in order of the local authority with the highest number of agricultural workers to the least. The table also includes the number of agricultural holdings in local authorities in England in 2021.

Chart 7: Agricultural workers in English local authorities



Swale district has the highest number of agricultural workers in the county with 3,148 workers. This has grown by over 25% since 2016 (+655 workers).

Maidstone and Tonbridge and Malling have also seen considerable growth with 535 and 332 more agricultural workers respectively, an increase of 26.0% and 27.9% between 2016 and 2021.

Thanet district has the fewest agricultural workers (220) and has seen very little change over recent years.

Six Kent districts now have fewer agricultural workers than in 2016. Canterbury has seen the biggest reduction with 643 fewer people employed in agriculture, a fall of 42.8% over the last five years.

Table 17: Agricultural labour in Kent districts

Agricultural workers	2016	2021	Number Change	% Change
Ashford	1,738	1,635	-103	-5.9
Canterbury	1,505	861	-643	-42.8
Dartford & Gravesham	266	289	23	8.6
Dover	996	804	-192	-19.3
Folkestone & Hythe	535	523	-12	-2.3
Maidstone	2,056	2,591	535	26.0
Sevenoaks	665	710	45	6.8
Swale	2,494	3,148	655	26.3
Thanet	224	220	-4	-1.7
Tonbridge And Malling	1,191	1,523	332	27.9
Tunbridge Wells	1,287	949	-339	-26.3
Medway	1,115	320	-795	-71.3

Source: DEFRA Agricultural Census: Structure of the agricultural industry
Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Looking at the ratio of farm workers to farm holdings Kent has a higher ratio than that seen nationally, with 5.2 workers for every holding in Kent compared to 2.8 in England as a whole. Medway has a ratio of 6.1 workers per holding.

Table 18: Ratio of farm workers to farm holdings

2021	Kent	Medway	South East Region	England
Total holdings	2,534	52	13,015	105,220
Total labour	13,253	320	45,400	297,418
Ratio of labour to holdings	5.2	6.1	3.5	2.8

Source: DEFRA Agricultural Census: Structure of the agricultural industry
Presented by: Kent Analytics, Kent County Council

Annexe

Table 19: Food and drink production enterprises in England local authorities 2024

Local authority name (2024)	Local authority code (2024)	Number of food & drink production enterprises	% Food & drink production enterprises
Torrige	E07000046	1,240	33.7%
West Devon	E07000047	970	30.7%
Mid Devon	E07000042	1,295	28.9%
North Devon	E07000043	1,280	25.2%
Isles of Scilly	E06000053	45	22.5%
Staffordshire Moorlands	E07000198	890	22.0%
Herefordshire, County of	E06000019	2,270	21.1%
Westmorland and Furness	E06000064	2,415	21.1%
Cumberland	E06000063	2,270	20.2%
Shropshire	E06000051	3,140	19.9%
Derbyshire Dales	E07000035	880	19.3%
North Yorkshire	E06000065	6,020	18.4%
East Lindsey	E07000137	1,020	18.3%
South Hams	E07000044	895	17.1%
Northumberland	E06000057	1,815	15.9%
Cornwall	E06000052	3,995	15.8%
Ribble Valley	E07000124	560	15.5%
West Lindsey	E07000142	570	15.5%
East Devon	E07000040	1,005	14.7%
Somerset	E06000066	3,635	14.7%
Melton	E07000133	375	14.6%
Malvern Hills	E07000235	615	14.4%
Forest of Dean	E07000080	510	13.7%
Mid Suffolk	E07000203	680	13.5%
South Holland	E07000140	530	13.5%
East Riding of Yorkshire	E06000011	1,845	13.3%
Breckland	E07000143	675	13.0%
North Norfolk	E07000147	540	12.8%
Boston	E07000136	285	12.1%
Teignbridge	E07000045	685	11.7%
Rutland	E06000017	220	11.5%
South Norfolk	E07000149	665	11.4%
Cotswold	E07000079	690	11.4%
North Kesteven	E07000139	465	11.2%
King's Lynn and West Norfolk	E07000146	635	11.2%
Stafford	E07000197	600	11.2%

Local authority name (2024)	Local authority code (2024)	Number of food & drink production enterprises	% Food & drink production enterprises
Dorset	E06000059	1,980	11.0%
Lancaster	E07000121	490	10.5%
East Cambridgeshire	E07000009	420	10.5%
Wyre	E07000128	420	10.5%
Harborough	E07000131	565	10.4%
Wychavon	E07000238	660	9.8%
Fenland	E07000010	350	9.5%
East Staffordshire	E07000193	455	9.4%
County Durham	E06000047	1,350	9.3%
Babergh	E07000200	390	9.3%
Wiltshire	E06000054	1,960	9.1%
Stratford-on-Avon	E07000221	765	9.1%
North East Derbyshire	E07000038	305	9.1%
East Suffolk	E07000244	820	8.7%
Bassetlaw	E07000171	370	8.7%
Newark and Sherwood	E07000175	425	8.7%
Rother	E07000064	360	8.6%
West Lancashire	E07000127	395	8.5%
High Peak	E07000037	310	8.1%
Stroud	E07000082	460	8.0%
North Lincolnshire	E06000013	450	7.9%
Tewkesbury	E07000083	345	7.9%
West Suffolk	E07000245	590	7.6%
South Kesteven	E07000141	450	7.6%
Broadland	E07000144	365	7.5%
Wealden	E07000065	645	7.5%
Chichester	E07000225	480	7.1%
South Derbyshire	E07000039	285	7.1%
Cheshire East	E06000049	1,345	7.0%
West Oxfordshire	E07000181	410	7.0%
Cheshire West and Chester	E06000050	925	6.9%
Uttlesford	E07000077	365	6.5%
Cherwell	E07000177	460	6.5%
Ashford	E07000105	415	6.4%
South Cambridgeshire	E07000012	505	6.2%
North Warwickshire	E07000218	175	6.2%
Maldon	E07000074	215	6.2%
Huntingdonshire	E07000011	475	6.1%
Hinckley and Bosworth	E07000132	270	6.1%

Local authority name (2024)	Local authority code (2024)	Number of food & drink production enterprises	% Food & drink production enterprises
South Staffordshire	E07000196	250	5.9%
Isle of Wight	E06000046	270	5.8%
Amber Valley	E07000032	270	5.8%
Rugby	E07000220	275	5.7%
Fylde	E07000119	195	5.7%
Pendle	E07000122	175	5.6%
Braintree	E07000067	365	5.5%
Lichfield	E07000194	260	5.4%
Test Valley	E07000093	315	5.4%
Horsham	E07000227	400	5.3%
Winchester	E07000094	425	5.3%
Folkestone and Hythe	E07000112	195	5.2%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	E07000195	185	5.2%
West Northamptonshire	E06000062	980	5.2%
Rushcliffe	E07000176	265	5.2%
Vale of White Horse	E07000180	305	5.1%
Lewes	E07000063	215	5.1%
Darlington	E06000005	165	5.0%
Tendring	E07000076	235	4.9%
Chorley	E07000118	220	4.9%
South Oxfordshire	E07000179	380	4.8%
Rossendale	E07000125	120	4.7%
Dover	E07000108	170	4.6%
North West Leicestershire	E07000134	190	4.4%
Redcar and Cleveland	E06000003	135	4.4%
Great Yarmouth	E07000145	120	4.4%
East Hampshire	E07000085	280	4.4%
North Somerset	E06000024	390	4.4%
New Forest	E07000091	340	4.4%
South Gloucestershire	E06000025	440	4.3%
Tunbridge Wells	E07000116	260	4.2%
South Ribble	E07000126	165	4.2%
Wyre Forest	E07000239	150	4.1%
West Berkshire	E06000037	330	4.1%
Swale	E07000113	210	4.1%
Basingstoke and Deane	E07000084	280	4.0%
Bath and North East Somerset	E06000022	330	3.9%
York	E06000014	260	3.7%
North Northamptonshire	E06000061	555	3.7%

Local authority name (2024)	Local authority code (2024)	Number of food & drink production enterprises	% Food & drink production enterprises
Barnsley	E08000016	245	3.6%
Telford and Wrekin	E06000020	210	3.6%
Maidstone	E07000110	285	3.6%
Bolsover	E07000033	80	3.6%
Preston	E07000123	200	3.5%
Bromsgrove	E07000234	175	3.5%
Central Bedfordshire	E06000056	425	3.4%
Buckinghamshire	E06000060	1,060	3.4%
Bedford	E06000055	245	3.4%
Hyndburn	E07000120	80	3.4%
Calderdale	E08000033	265	3.3%
Doncaster	E08000017	320	3.3%
Colchester	E07000071	240	3.2%
Mid Sussex	E07000228	230	3.2%
North Hertfordshire	E07000099	190	3.1%
Torbay	E06000027	125	3.0%
Sevenoaks	E07000111	195	3.0%
Charnwood	E07000130	195	3.0%
Warwick	E07000222	210	2.9%
East Hertfordshire	E07000242	230	2.9%
Burnley	E07000117	75	2.8%
Canterbury	E07000106	155	2.8%
Mole Valley	E07000210	140	2.7%
Blaby	E07000129	110	2.6%
Ashfield	E07000170	80	2.6%
Chelmsford	E07000070	210	2.6%
Hartlepool	E06000001	55	2.5%
Tandridge	E07000215	125	2.5%
Arun	E07000224	140	2.5%
North East Lincolnshire	E06000012	115	2.5%
Kirklees	E08000034	375	2.4%
Epping Forest	E07000072	205	2.4%
Wakefield	E08000036	240	2.4%
Erewash	E07000036	90	2.4%
Gedling	E07000173	85	2.4%
Bradford	E08000032	385	2.3%
Waverley	E07000216	185	2.3%
Tonbridge and Malling	E07000115	135	2.2%
Blackburn with Darwen	E06000008	115	2.1%

Local authority name (2024)	Local authority code (2024)	Number of food & drink production enterprises	% Food & drink production enterprises
Peterborough	E06000031	160	2.0%
Hart	E07000089	90	2.0%
Rochdale	E08000005	135	2.0%
St. Helens	E08000013	90	1.9%
Stockton-on-Tees	E06000004	105	1.9%
Rotherham	E08000018	140	1.9%
Brentwood	E07000068	80	1.8%
Swindon	E06000030	125	1.8%
Rochford	E07000075	65	1.8%
Thanet	E07000114	80	1.8%
Wigan	E08000010	160	1.7%
Cambridge	E07000008	85	1.7%
Dacorum	E07000096	130	1.7%
Guildford	E07000209	110	1.5%
Broxtowe	E07000172	50	1.5%
Redditch	E07000236	45	1.5%
Solihull	E08000029	125	1.5%
Milton Keynes	E06000042	185	1.5%
Warrington	E06000007	120	1.4%
Mansfield	E07000174	45	1.4%
Wokingham	E06000041	115	1.4%
Sheffield	E08000019	230	1.4%
Bolton	E08000001	140	1.4%
Leeds	E08000035	395	1.4%
Gateshead	E08000037	75	1.4%
Chesterfield	E07000034	45	1.4%
Knowsley	E08000011	45	1.3%
Nuneaton and Bedworth	E07000219	45	1.3%
Adur	E07000223	30	1.3%
Sefton	E08000014	100	1.3%
Tameside	E08000008	80	1.3%
Oldham	E08000004	90	1.2%
Wirral	E08000015	105	1.2%
North Tyneside	E08000022	65	1.2%
Hastings	E07000062	35	1.2%
Plymouth	E06000026	75	1.2%
Sunderland	E08000024	70	1.2%
Windsor and Maidenhead	E06000040	105	1.2%
Halton	E06000006	40	1.1%

Local authority name (2024)	Local authority code (2024)	Number of food & drink production enterprises	% Food & drink production enterprises
Runnymede	E07000212	50	1.1%
Eastbourne	E07000061	35	1.1%
Lincoln	E07000138	30	1.1%
Gravesham	E07000109	45	1.1%
Norwich	E07000148	55	1.1%
Medway	E06000035	95	1.1%
Fareham	E07000087	45	1.1%
Blackpool	E06000009	40	1.0%
St Albans	E07000240	85	1.0%
Middlesbrough	E06000002	35	1.0%
Surrey Heath	E07000214	45	1.0%
Cannock Chase	E07000192	35	1.0%
Stockport	E08000007	120	1.0%
Bury	E08000002	75	1.0%
Cheltenham	E07000078	50	1.0%
Reigate and Banstead	E07000211	65	1.0%
South Tyneside	E08000023	30	0.9%
Kingston upon Hull, City of	E06000010	60	0.9%
Newcastle upon Tyne	E08000021	80	0.9%
Exeter	E07000041	40	0.9%
Welwyn Hatfield	E07000241	45	0.9%
Bracknell Forest	E06000036	40	0.9%
Eastleigh	E07000086	45	0.8%
Three Rivers	E07000102	45	0.8%
Walsall	E08000030	70	0.8%
Gosport	E07000088	15	0.8%
Gloucester	E07000081	30	0.8%
Havant	E07000090	35	0.8%
Broxbourne	E07000095	35	0.8%
Waltham Forest	E09000031	95	0.8%
Ealing	E09000009	140	0.8%
Basildon	E07000066	60	0.8%
Thurrock	E06000034	55	0.8%
Woking	E07000217	35	0.8%
Worcester	E07000237	25	0.7%
Trafford	E08000009	85	0.7%
Hertsmere	E07000098	55	0.7%
Oxford	E07000178	35	0.7%
Leicester	E06000016	95	0.7%

Local authority name (2024)	Local authority code (2024)	Number of food & drink production enterprises	% Food & drink production enterprises
Haringey	E09000014	90	0.7%
Wandsworth	E09000032	105	0.7%
Stoke-on-Trent	E06000021	45	0.7%
Oadby and Wigston	E07000135	15	0.7%
Derby	E06000015	50	0.7%
Nottingham	E06000018	65	0.7%
Sandwell	E08000028	65	0.7%
Dartford	E07000107	30	0.7%
Elmbridge	E07000207	55	0.7%
Birmingham	E08000025	240	0.6%
Worthing	E07000229	25	0.6%
Enfield	E09000010	95	0.6%
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	E06000058	95	0.6%
Brent	E09000005	95	0.6%
Wolverhampton	E08000031	50	0.6%
Castle Point	E07000069	20	0.6%
Hackney	E09000012	155	0.6%
Manchester	E08000003	135	0.6%
Salford	E08000006	65	0.6%
Southend-on-Sea	E06000033	40	0.6%
Kensington and Chelsea	E09000020	75	0.6%
Crawley	E07000226	20	0.6%
Brighton and Hove	E06000043	80	0.6%
Southwark	E09000028	90	0.6%
Hounslow	E09000018	75	0.6%
Greenwich	E09000011	55	0.6%
Dudley	E08000027	55	0.6%
Coventry	E08000026	55	0.6%
Tower Hamlets	E09000030	90	0.5%
Southampton	E06000045	40	0.5%
Hammersmith and Fulham	E09000013	65	0.5%
Ipswich	E07000202	25	0.5%
Newham	E09000025	70	0.5%
Havering	E09000016	55	0.5%
Liverpool	E08000012	75	0.5%
Bromley	E09000006	75	0.5%
Lewisham	E09000023	50	0.5%
Bristol, City of	E06000023	95	0.5%
Barnet	E09000003	125	0.5%

Local authority name (2024)	Local authority code (2024)	Number of food & drink production enterprises	% Food & drink production enterprises
Merton	E09000024	55	0.5%
Lambeth	E09000022	65	0.5%
Hillingdon	E09000017	70	0.5%
Slough	E06000039	30	0.5%
Tamworth	E07000199	10	0.5%
Luton	E06000032	35	0.4%
Islington	E09000019	100	0.4%
Spelthorne	E07000213	20	0.4%
Westminster	E09000033	230	0.4%
Portsmouth	E06000044	25	0.4%
Bexley	E09000004	35	0.4%
Kingston upon Thames	E09000021	35	0.4%
Epsom and Ewell	E07000208	15	0.4%
Camden	E09000007	150	0.4%
Watford	E07000103	20	0.4%
Barking and Dagenham	E09000002	30	0.4%
Sutton	E09000029	30	0.4%
Richmond upon Thames	E09000027	45	0.4%
Rushmoor	E07000092	10	0.3%
Redbridge	E09000026	45	0.3%
Reading	E06000038	20	0.3%
Stevenage	E07000243	10	0.3%
Harrow	E09000015	45	0.3%
Harlow	E07000073	10	0.3%
City of London	E09000001	65	0.3%
Croydon	E09000008	35	0.2%

Source: UK Business Counts, ONS

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Table 20: Food and drink production employee jobs in England local authorities 2023

Local authority name (2023)	Local authority code (2023)	Number of food & drink production employee jobs	% of food & drink production employee jobs
Melton	E07000133	4,750	21.1%
South Holland	E07000140	7,000	19.7%
Boston	E07000136	4,500	14.1%
Breckland	E07000143	6,000	12.1%
North Kesteven	E07000139	4,250	10.2%
Bassetlaw	E07000171	5,000	10.1%
Fenland	E07000010	3,500	9.2%
Mid Devon	E07000042	2,500	9.1%
Herefordshire, County of	E06000019	7,500	9.0%
West Lancashire	E07000127	4,250	8.3%
North East Lincolnshire	E06000012	5,500	8.3%
Mid Suffolk	E07000203	3,000	8.2%
West Devon	E07000047	1,375	8.1%
King's Lynn and West Norfolk	E07000146	4,500	7.6%
North Yorkshire	E06000065	21,500	7.6%
Swale	E07000113	4,000	7.5%
Derbyshire Dales	E07000035	2,250	6.9%
Shropshire	E06000051	9,000	6.9%
Ribble Valley	E07000124	2,000	6.8%
Wychavon	E07000238	3,500	6.5%
Chichester	E07000225	4,000	6.3%
West Lindsey	E07000142	1,750	6.3%
Forest of Dean	E07000080	1,500	6.3%
North Norfolk	E07000147	2,000	6.0%
North Lincolnshire	E06000013	4,500	6.0%
Torridge	E07000046	1,250	6.0%
East Riding of Yorkshire	E06000011	7,500	5.7%
Newark and Sherwood	E07000175	2,750	5.5%
South Kesteven	E07000141	3,000	5.4%
Ealing	E09000009	7,000	5.4%
Isles of Scilly	E06000053	50	5.3%
East Staffordshire	E07000193	3,250	5.2%
Broadland	E07000144	2,500	4.9%
Malvern Hills	E07000235	1,375	4.6%
Fylde	E07000119	2,000	4.5%
East Suffolk	E07000244	4,250	4.5%
West Suffolk	E07000245	4,500	4.4%

Local authority name (2023)	Local authority code (2023)	Number of food & drink production employee jobs	% of food & drink production employee jobs
South Derbyshire	E07000039	1,500	4.4%
Cumberland	E06000063	5,500	4.4%
Barnsley	E08000016	3,750	4.3%
Kingston upon Hull, City of	E06000010	5,500	4.3%
Babergh	E07000200	1,375	4.2%
Chorley	E07000118	1,750	4.2%
Cornwall	E06000052	9,500	4.1%
Somerset	E06000066	10,000	4.1%
South Staffordshire	E07000196	1,500	4.1%
Wyre	E07000128	1,375	4.0%
North East Derbyshire	E07000038	1,125	3.9%
Wakefield	E08000036	6,500	3.9%
East Cambridgeshire	E07000009	1,250	3.8%
Pendle	E07000122	1,125	3.8%
Dover	E07000108	1,375	3.7%
Westmorland and Furness	E06000064	4,000	3.7%
North Northamptonshire	E06000061	5,500	3.6%
Cotswold	E07000079	1,625	3.6%
South Hams	E07000044	1,375	3.6%
Leicester	E06000016	6,000	3.5%
Stafford	E07000197	2,250	3.5%
Bolton	E08000001	4,000	3.5%
Central Bedfordshire	E06000056	3,750	3.5%
Cherwell	E07000177	3,000	3.4%
Huntingdonshire	E07000011	2,750	3.4%
Broxtowe	E07000172	1,250	3.4%
Tewkesbury	E07000083	1,625	3.3%
East Lindsey	E07000137	1,500	3.3%
Northumberland	E06000057	3,500	3.2%
Ashford	E07000105	2,000	3.2%
Maidstone	E07000110	2,500	3.2%
Wigan	E08000010	3,500	3.2%
Amber Valley	E07000032	1,500	3.1%
Staffordshire Moorlands	E07000198	950	3.1%
Maldon	E07000074	650	3.1%
Dorset	E06000059	4,500	3.1%
Bradford	E08000032	6,000	3.0%
South Ribble	E07000126	1,500	3.0%
South Norfolk	E07000149	1,750	3.0%

Local authority name (2023)	Local authority code (2023)	Number of food & drink production employee jobs	% of food & drink production employee jobs
Telford and Wrekin	E06000020	2,750	3.0%
Sandwell	E08000028	3,750	3.0%
North Devon	E07000043	1,250	2.9%
East Devon	E07000040	1,500	2.9%
Brent	E09000005	3,500	2.9%
Tonbridge and Malling	E07000115	1,875	2.9%
Rossendale	E07000125	600	2.9%
Bexley	E09000004	2,125	2.9%
Test Valley	E07000093	1,750	2.8%
Lichfield	E07000194	1,500	2.8%
Oadby and Wigston	E07000135	500	2.7%
Wealden	E07000065	1,375	2.7%
Wiltshire	E06000054	5,500	2.6%
High Peak	E07000037	800	2.6%
Stroud	E07000082	1,250	2.6%
West Northamptonshire	E06000062	5,500	2.6%
North Somerset	E06000024	2,250	2.5%
Wirral	E08000015	2,500	2.4%
Slough	E06000039	2,000	2.4%
Cheshire East	E06000049	5,000	2.4%
Rutland	E06000017	375	2.4%
Blackpool	E06000009	1,500	2.4%
Harborough	E07000131	950	2.3%
Teignbridge	E07000045	1,125	2.3%
Enfield	E09000010	2,500	2.3%
Calderdale	E08000033	2,125	2.3%
Stratford-on-Avon	E07000221	1,750	2.3%
Cheshire West and Chester	E06000050	3,750	2.2%
Lancaster	E07000121	1,250	2.2%
Braintree	E07000067	1,125	2.1%
Hyndburn	E07000120	650	2.1%
Tunbridge Wells	E07000116	1,125	2.1%
Oldham	E08000004	1,750	2.1%
Kirklees	E08000034	3,250	2.1%
Colchester	E07000071	1,750	2.0%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	E07000195	900	2.0%
Adur	E07000223	425	2.0%
Stockton-on-Tees	E06000004	1,625	2.0%
Lewes	E07000063	700	2.0%

Local authority name (2023)	Local authority code (2023)	Number of food & drink production employee jobs	% of food & drink production employee jobs
Charnwood	E07000130	1,375	2.0%
Gravesham	E07000109	650	1.9%
South Cambridgeshire	E07000012	1,750	1.9%
Horsham	E07000227	1,125	1.9%
Peterborough	E06000031	2,250	1.9%
Tendring	E07000076	750	1.9%
Redcar and Cleveland	E06000003	750	1.9%
Arun	E07000224	950	1.8%
Mid Sussex	E07000228	1,125	1.8%
Tameside	E08000008	1,250	1.8%
Blackburn with Darwen	E06000008	1,250	1.8%
Newham	E09000025	2,375	1.8%
Blaby	E07000129	1,125	1.7%
Basingstoke and Deane	E07000084	1,500	1.7%
York	E06000014	2,000	1.7%
Middlesbrough	E06000002	1,125	1.7%
North West Leicestershire	E07000134	1,250	1.7%
Burnley	E07000117	650	1.7%
North Tyneside	E08000022	1,500	1.7%
East Hampshire	E07000085	750	1.7%
Wolverhampton	E08000031	1,875	1.7%
Rother	E07000064	550	1.7%
County Durham	E06000047	3,000	1.6%
Sefton	E08000014	1,500	1.6%
Redditch	E07000236	600	1.6%
New Forest	E07000091	1,125	1.6%
Rotherham	E08000018	1,500	1.6%
Bury	E08000002	1,125	1.5%
Bedford	E06000055	1,250	1.5%
Trafford	E08000009	2,500	1.5%
West Oxfordshire	E07000181	700	1.5%
Preston	E07000123	1,375	1.4%
Bolsover	E07000033	450	1.4%
Milton Keynes	E06000042	2,500	1.3%
Rugby	E07000220	700	1.3%
Buckinghamshire	E06000060	3,250	1.3%
Warwick	E07000222	1,250	1.3%
Hillingdon	E09000017	2,500	1.3%
Derby	E06000015	1,750	1.3%

Local authority name (2023)	Local authority code (2023)	Number of food & drink production employee jobs	% of food & drink production employee jobs
Epping Forest	E07000072	700	1.3%
South Oxfordshire	E07000179	750	1.2%
Waltham Forest	E09000031	1,125	1.2%
Rochdale	E08000005	1,000	1.2%
Sevenoaks	E07000111	600	1.2%
Gateshead	E08000037	1,125	1.2%
Stockport	E08000007	1,625	1.2%
Broxbourne	E07000095	425	1.2%
Harrow	E09000015	850	1.2%
North Hertfordshire	E07000099	600	1.2%
Doncaster	E08000017	1,500	1.1%
Uttlesford	E07000077	550	1.1%
Canterbury	E07000106	800	1.1%
Welwyn Hatfield	E07000241	850	1.1%
Leeds	E08000035	5,500	1.1%
West Berkshire	E06000037	1,125	1.1%
Mole Valley	E07000210	500	1.1%
Sunderland	E08000024	1,250	1.1%
Rushcliffe	E07000176	500	1.0%
Hounslow	E09000018	1,625	1.0%
Nuneaton and Bedworth	E07000219	450	1.0%
Great Yarmouth	E07000145	375	1.0%
Liverpool	E08000012	2,750	1.0%
East Hertfordshire	E07000242	650	1.0%
Dacorum	E07000096	1,250	1.0%
Torbay	E06000027	475	1.0%
Brentwood	E07000068	325	1.0%
Haringey	E09000014	700	1.0%
Thanet	E07000114	400	0.9%
Chelmsford	E07000070	850	0.9%
Hartlepool	E06000001	275	0.9%
Winchester	E07000094	900	0.9%
Barnet	E09000003	1,250	0.9%
Fareham	E07000087	450	0.9%
Coventry	E08000026	1,500	0.9%
Isle of Wight	E06000046	475	0.9%
Hinckley and Bosworth	E07000132	375	0.9%
Manchester	E08000003	4,000	0.9%
Gloucester	E07000081	600	0.9%

Local authority name (2023)	Local authority code (2023)	Number of food & drink production employee jobs	% of food & drink production employee jobs
Warrington	E06000007	1,375	0.9%
Knowsley	E08000011	600	0.9%
Newcastle upon Tyne	E08000021	1,750	0.9%
Wokingham	E06000041	800	0.9%
Darlington	E06000005	475	0.9%
Merton	E09000024	700	0.9%
Stevenage	E07000243	450	0.8%
Tandridge	E07000215	275	0.8%
Nottingham	E06000018	1,750	0.8%
Surrey Heath	E07000214	450	0.8%
Folkestone and Hythe	E07000112	300	0.8%
Wyre Forest	E07000239	275	0.8%
South Gloucestershire	E06000025	1,375	0.8%
Norwich	E07000148	700	0.8%
Walsall	E08000030	800	0.8%
Cannock Chase	E07000192	325	0.8%
Guildford	E07000209	650	0.8%
Medway	E06000035	750	0.8%
St. Helens	E08000013	500	0.8%
Stoke-on-Trent	E06000021	950	0.8%
Worthing	E07000229	375	0.8%
Tamworth	E07000199	220	0.7%
Bath and North East Somerset	E06000022	700	0.7%
Hastings	E07000062	240	0.7%
Dudley	E08000027	800	0.7%
Barking and Dagenham	E09000002	425	0.7%
South Tyneside	E08000023	300	0.7%
Bromsgrove	E07000234	300	0.7%
Waverley	E07000216	350	0.7%
Vale of White Horse	E07000180	500	0.7%
Gedling	E07000173	230	0.7%
Sheffield	E08000019	1,875	0.7%
St Albans	E07000240	425	0.7%
Three Rivers	E07000102	275	0.7%
Thurrock	E06000034	500	0.7%
Luton	E06000032	700	0.6%
Birmingham	E08000025	3,500	0.6%
Plymouth	E06000026	700	0.6%
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	E06000058	1,125	0.6%

Local authority name (2023)	Local authority code (2023)	Number of food & drink production employee jobs	% of food & drink production employee jobs
Harlow	E07000073	250	0.6%
Salford	E08000006	950	0.6%
Halton	E06000006	375	0.6%
Elmbridge	E07000207	375	0.6%
Bristol, City of	E06000023	1,750	0.6%
Hart	E07000089	200	0.6%
Watford	E07000103	350	0.5%
Kingston upon Thames	E09000021	400	0.5%
Hertsmere	E07000098	300	0.5%
Kensington and Chelsea	E09000020	650	0.5%
North Warwickshire	E07000218	275	0.5%
Windsor and Maidenhead	E06000040	500	0.5%
Dartford	E07000107	350	0.5%
Lincoln	E07000138	275	0.5%
Greenwich	E09000011	400	0.4%
Rochford	E07000075	100	0.4%
Brighton and Hove	E06000043	600	0.4%
Basildon	E07000066	375	0.4%
Havering	E09000016	375	0.4%
Woking	E07000217	180	0.4%
Castle Point	E07000069	80	0.4%
Hackney	E09000012	650	0.4%
Spelthorne	E07000213	130	0.4%
Southampton	E06000045	400	0.3%
Erewash	E07000036	130	0.3%
Mansfield	E07000174	140	0.3%
Havant	E07000090	130	0.3%
Hammersmith and Fulham	E09000013	450	0.3%
Reigate and Banstead	E07000211	200	0.3%
Southend-on-Sea	E06000033	190	0.3%
Southwark	E09000028	850	0.3%
Bromley	E09000006	300	0.3%
Wandsworth	E09000032	350	0.3%
Eastleigh	E07000086	170	0.3%
Portsmouth	E06000044	275	0.3%
Cheltenham	E07000078	160	0.3%
Gosport	E07000088	45	0.2%
Lewisham	E09000023	160	0.2%
Lambeth	E09000022	350	0.2%

Local authority name (2023)	Local authority code (2023)	Number of food & drink production employee jobs	% of food & drink production employee jobs
Solihull	E08000029	325	0.2%
Ipswich	E07000202	150	0.2%
Swindon	E06000030	230	0.2%
Worcester	E07000237	110	0.2%
Rushmoor	E07000092	100	0.2%
Islington	E09000019	475	0.2%
Runnymede	E07000212	100	0.2%
Chesterfield	E07000034	90	0.2%
Reading	E06000038	210	0.2%
Cambridge	E07000008	180	0.2%
Eastbourne	E07000061	60	0.2%
Crawley	E07000226	130	0.1%
Richmond upon Thames	E09000027	110	0.1%
Epsom and Ewell	E07000208	45	0.1%
Exeter	E07000041	130	0.1%
Tower Hamlets	E09000030	450	0.1%
Camden	E09000007	550	0.1%
Ashfield	E07000170	70	0.1%
Redbridge	E09000026	100	0.1%
Oxford	E07000178	140	0.1%
Bracknell Forest	E06000036	60	0.1%
Westminster	E09000033	800	0.1%
Sutton	E09000029	70	0.1%
Croydon	E09000008	110	0.1%
City of London	E09000001	550	0.1%

Source: BRES

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Table 21: Number of agricultural holdings and agricultural workers in England local authorities 2021

Local authority name (2021)	Number of agricultural holdings	Number of agricultural workers
Cornwall	4,415	11,899
Shropshire	3,686	10,013
Herefordshire, County of	2,778	9,666
Wiltshire	2,211	6,123
East Riding of Yorkshire	1,847	6,105
Dorset	2,243	5,969
Northumberland	1,925	5,031
Cheshire East	1,572	4,006
Hambleton	1,471	3,767
County Durham	1,669	3,636
King's Lynn and West Norfolk	686	3,620
Eden	1,462	3,574
Harrogate	1,234	3,482
Torridge	1,444	3,450
Mid Devon	1,453	3,449
North Devon	1,475	3,226
Somerset West and Taunton	1,396	3,178
Swale	215	3,148
Buckinghamshire	1,257	3,142
Cheshire West and Chester	1,076	2,976
East Lindsey	1,058	2,918
Ryedale	1,148	2,909
East Devon	1,121	2,871
South Somerset	1,230	2,864
Stratford-on-Avon	929	2,856
East Suffolk	821	2,794
Wychavon	796	2,736
West Devon	1,230	2,724
Chichester	495	2,702
South Lakeland	1,233	2,696
South Holland	540	2,684
Stafford	682	2,678
Breckland	825	2,670
Allerdale	1,103	2,666
Maidstone	349	2,591
West Northamptonshire	1,140	2,584
Derbyshire Dales	1,104	2,486
Staffordshire Moorlands	1,200	2,459

Local authority name (2021)	Number of agricultural holdings	Number of agricultural workers
Mendip	928	2,451
Wealden	987	2,434
West Lancashire	388	2,387
South Hams	999	2,345
Boston	259	2,340
Cotswold	782	2,271
Mid Suffolk	780	2,182
Richmondshire	833	2,142
Carlisle	827	2,128
South Norfolk	758	2,086
West Lindsey	651	2,034
Craven	891	2,004
West Suffolk	517	1,926
Sedgemoor	881	1,925
Teignbridge	891	1,917
Tewkesbury	435	1,906
Malvern Hills	774	1,905
Cherwell	503	1,893
East Cambridgeshire	400	1,808
North Norfolk	568	1,710
Forest of Dean	679	1,697
Lancaster	549	1,638
Ashford	524	1,635
North Kesteven	531	1,604
Harborough	629	1,545
South Cambridgeshire	489	1,545
South Staffordshire	321	1,537
Tonbridge and Malling	137	1,523
Ribble Valley	655	1,518
Scarborough	669	1,513
Selby	455	1,490
Broadland	388	1,451
North Northamptonshire	567	1,442
South Kesteven	452	1,427
Newark and Sherwood	439	1,375
New Forest	461	1,349
Horsham	515	1,338
Fenland	359	1,336
Huntingdonshire	481	1,308
Stroud	564	1,300

Local authority name (2021)	Number of agricultural holdings	Number of agricultural workers
Copeland	530	1,285
Central Bedfordshire	448	1,252
Winchester	445	1,246
North Lincolnshire	478	1,242
Babergh	437	1,229
East Staffordshire	566	1,229
Rother	510	1,209
South Gloucestershire	520	1,186
Basingstoke and Deane	317	1,182
Braintree	387	1,173
North Somerset	500	1,170
Bassetlaw	354	1,126
Mid Sussex	263	1,123
Melton	432	1,111
South Oxfordshire	417	1,103
Wyre	400	1,098
West Oxfordshire	438	1,073
Test Valley	335	1,069
Uttlesford	356	1,060
East Hampshire	334	1,038
Kirklees	440	1,035
Lichfield	283	1,003
Tendring	218	961
West Berkshire	373	953
Tunbridge Wells	337	949
Bath and North East Somerset	418	930
Epping Forest	182	895
High Peak	428	869
Arun	113	864
Canterbury	173	861
North East Derbyshire	413	856
Doncaster	342	855
Bradford	443	848
Colchester	223	837
Rushcliffe	310	837
Leeds	342	835
South Derbyshire	332	827
Dover	218	804
Bedford	274	798
Calderdale	433	798

Local authority name (2021)	Number of agricultural holdings	Number of agricultural workers
Vale of White Horse	302	784
Hinckley and Bosworth	298	760
Amber Valley	362	753
Isle of Wight	314	729
Rugby	320	716
Sevenoaks	258	710
Preston	208	699
Lewes	211	698
East Hertfordshire	245	674
Chorley	251	652
Maldon	225	642
Barnsley	269	625
Chelmsford	196	621
Telford and Wrekin	187	618
Warwick	224	598
Charnwood	219	598
Newcastle-under-Lyme	232	593
Waverley	213	580
North Warwickshire	222	567
York	245	562
Fylde	182	558
North Hertfordshire	174	551
Rutland	241	545
Wokingham	107	539
Folkestone and Hythe	203	523
Tandridge	189	516
Wakefield	203	513
Bromsgrove	249	504
North West Leicestershire	215	492
South Ribble	148	482
Pendle	276	469
Mole Valley	166	465
Peterborough	154	462
Wyre Forest	190	450
Darlington	178	431
Sheffield	184	430
Fareham	34	397
Guildford	155	394
Dacorum	144	380
Rossendale	195	361

Local authority name (2021)	Number of agricultural holdings	Number of agricultural workers
Rotherham	138	360
Warrington	126	357
Milton Keynes	163	356
Medway	51	320
Hart	137	315
Solihull	133	309
Rochdale	162	290
Erewash	120	287
Stockport	90	284
Swindon	118	282
Great Yarmouth	133	281
Blaby	123	279
Brentwood	89	276
Redcar and Cleveland	125	276
Wigan	133	276
Stockton-on-Tees	113	275
Bolsover	106	260
Windsor and Maidenhead	80	242
Bolton	104	237
Bromley	63	236
Oldham	120	236
Blackburn with Darwen	113	229
Gedling	70	229
Thanet	36	220
Sefton	46	214
St. Helens	79	210
Hyndburn	106	207
Burnley	102	205
Elmbridge	29	196
Wirral	61	191
St Albans	73	181
Rochford	60	179
Bury	81	178
Barrow-in-Furness	87	170
Gravesham	54	168
Welwyn Hatfield	49	165
Basildon	62	165
Thurrock	52	163
Ashfield	76	156
Reigate and Banstead	68	149

Local authority name (2021)	Number of agricultural holdings	Number of agricultural workers
North East Lincolnshire	56	138
Gateshead	70	136
Hartlepool	58	132
Enfield	20	125
Hertsmere	42	125
Tameside	62	124
Dartford	30	121
Walsall	36	114
Isles of Scilly	32	111
Eastleigh	48	110
Broxtowe	41	105
Nuneaton and Bedworth	43	101
Redditch	42	98
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	35	97
Three Rivers	44	95
Bracknell Forest	34	89
Sunderland	38	86
Runnymede	27	85
Trafford	38	83
Salford	28	83
Havant	25	81
Mansfield	33	81
Cheltenham	32	78
Hillingdon	24	74
Surrey Heath	32	72
Knowsley	32	71
Newcastle upon Tyne	22	71
Cannock Chase	28	70
Woking	19	69
Broxbourne	21	67
Coventry	28	62
Havering	34	61
Bristol, City of	19	60
Stoke-on-Trent	31	54
Chesterfield	23	53
Adur	17	52
Dudley	19	50
Birmingham	20	42
Oxford	20	42
Epsom and Ewell	10	38

Local authority name (2021)	Number of agricultural holdings	Number of agricultural workers
Exeter	21	38
Halton	22	38
Sandwell	0	37
North Tyneside	14	36
Oadby and Wigston	10	35
Barnet	11	34
Gloucester	15	33
Plymouth	16	33
South Tyneside	17	32
Torbay	14	31
Middlesbrough	10	31
Derby	18	31
Harlow	6	31
Cambridge	13	29
Brighton and Hove	11	29
Hounslow	9	25
Eastbourne	9	19
Norwich	11	19
Lincoln	6	19
Crawley	8	17
Leicester	9	16
Castle Point	9	16
Spelthorne	7	13
Kingston upon Hull, City of	5	13
Liverpool	5	13
Reading	5	13
Harrow	6	11
Wolverhampton	7	11
Redbridge	6	11
Nottingham	5	9
Croydon	6	6
Barking and Dagenham	0	0
Bexley	0	0
Blackpool	0	0
Brent	0	0
Camden	0	0
City of London	0	0
Ealing	0	0
Gosport	0	0
Greenwich	0	0

Local authority name (2021)	Number of agricultural holdings	Number of agricultural workers
Hackney	0	0
Hammersmith and Fulham	0	0
Haringey	0	0
Hastings	0	0
Ipswich	0	0
Islington	0	0
Kensington and Chelsea	0	0
Kingston upon Thames	0	0
Lambeth	0	0
Lewisham	0	0
Luton	0	0
Manchester	0	0
Merton	0	0
Newsham	0	0
Portsmouth	0	0
Richmond upon Thames	0	0
Rushmoor	0	0
Slough	0	0
Southampton	0	0
Southend-on-Sea	0	0
Southwark	0	0
Stevenage	0	0
Sutton	0	0
Tamworth	0	0
Tower Hamlets	0	0
Waltham Forest	0	0
Wandsworth	0	0
Watford	0	0
Westminster	0	0
Worcester	9	0
Worthing	0	0

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Table 22: Number and percentage of agricultural workers in English ITL3 areas 2021

ITL3 area (2021)	Number of agricultural workers	Percentage of agricultural workers
Devon CC	20,019	6.7%
North Yorkshire CC	17,307	5.8%
Lincolnshire CC	13,026	4.4%
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	12,010	4.0%
Somerset CC	10,418	3.5%
Shropshire	10,013	3.4%
Herefordshire, County of	9,666	3.2%
Staffordshire CC	9,575	3.2%
East Cumbria	8,397	2.8%
Suffolk CC	8,134	2.7%
Gloucestershire CC	7,286	2.4%
Wiltshire	6,123	2.1%
East Riding of Yorkshire	6,105	2.1%
Cambridgeshire CC	6,026	2.0%
Dorset	5,969	2.0%
Worcestershire CC	5,712	1.9%
Leicestershire CC and Rutland	5,365	1.8%
North and West Norfolk	5,330	1.8%
South and West Derbyshire	5,221	1.8%
Northumberland	5,031	1.7%
Oxfordshire CC	4,896	1.6%
Warwickshire CC	4,838	1.6%
Breckland and South Norfolk	4,756	1.6%
Central Hampshire	4,702	1.6%
East Sussex CC	4,367	1.5%
Mid Kent	4,226	1.4%
West Cumbria	4,121	1.4%
Cheshire East	4,006	1.3%
Durham	3,636	1.2%
West Sussex (South West)	3,624	1.2%
Kent Thames Gateway	3,437	1.2%
Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire	3,287	1.1%
Mid Lancashire	3,257	1.1%
West Kent	3,182	1.1%
Buckinghamshire	3,142	1.1%

ITL3 area (2021)	Number of agricultural workers	Percentage of agricultural workers
Chorley and West Lancashire	3,040	1.0%
Cheshire West and Chester	2,976	1.0%
Essex Haven Gateway	2,972	1.0%
North Nottinghamshire	2,738	0.9%
Lancaster and Wyre	2,736	0.9%
West Northamptonshire	2,584	0.9%
West Sussex (North East)	2,478	0.8%
East Kent	2,408	0.8%
Hertfordshire CC	2,256	0.8%
West Essex	1,985	0.7%
Berkshire	1,866	0.6%
Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham	1,841	0.6%
Calderdale and Kirklees	1,833	0.6%
North Hampshire	1,793	0.6%
Norwich and East Norfolk	1,751	0.6%
Heart of Essex	1,539	0.5%
North Northamptonshire	1,442	0.5%
West Surrey	1,411	0.5%
North and North East Lincolnshire	1,381	0.5%
Central Bedfordshire	1,252	0.4%
East Lancashire	1,242	0.4%
South Nottinghamshire	1,170	0.4%
East Derbyshire	1,170	0.4%
East Surrey	1,168	0.4%
Bradford	848	0.3%
Leeds	835	0.3%
Bedford	798	0.3%
Isle of Wight	729	0.2%
Greater Manchester North East	704	0.2%
Telford and Wrekin	618	0.2%
South Hampshire	588	0.2%
York	562	0.2%
Greater Manchester North West	513	0.2%
Wakefield	513	0.2%
Peterborough	462	0.2%
Darlington	431	0.1%
Sheffield	430	0.1%
Greater Manchester South East	408	0.1%

ITL3 area (2021)	Number of agricultural workers	Percentage of agricultural workers
Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees	406	0.1%
Essex Thames Gateway	360	0.1%
Warrington	357	0.1%
Milton Keynes	356	0.1%
Medway	320	0.1%
East Merseyside	319	0.1%
Solihull	309	0.1%
South Teesside	307	0.1%
Swindon	282	0.1%
Tyneside	275	0.1%
Bromley	236	0.1%
Blackburn with Darwen	229	0.1%
Sefton	214	0.1%
Wirral	191	0.1%
Greater Manchester South West	166	0.1%
Thurrock	163	0.1%
Enfield	125	0.0%
Walsall	114	0.0%
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	97	0.0%
Sunderland	86	0.0%
Harrow and Hillingdon	85	0.0%
Barking & Dagenham and Havering	63	0.0%
Coventry	62	0.0%
Bristol, City of	60	0.0%
Stoke-on-Trent	54	0.0%
Dudley	50	0.0%
Birmingham	42	0.0%
Sandwell	37	0.0%
Barnet	34	0.0%
Plymouth	33	0.0%
Hounslow and Richmond upon Thames	33	0.0%
Torbay	31	0.0%
Derby	31	0.0%
Brighton and Hove	29	0.0%
Merton, Kingston upon Thames and Sutton	19	0.0%
Leicester	16	0.0%
Bexley and Greenwich	15	0.0%
Kingston upon Hull, City of	13	0.0%

ITL3 area (2021)	Number of agricultural workers	Percentage of agricultural workers
Liverpool	13	0.0%
Redbridge and Waltham Forest	13	0.0%
Wolverhampton	11	0.0%
Nottingham	9	0.0%
Croydon	6	0.0%
Luton	0	0.0%
Manchester	0	0.0%
Blackpool	0	0.0%
Southend-on-Sea	0	0.0%
Camden and City of London	0	0.0%
Westminster	0	0.0%
Kensington & Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham	0	0.0%
Wandsworth	0	0.0%
Haringey and Islington	0	0.0%
Lewisham and Southwark	0	0.0%
Brent	0	0.0%
Ealing	0	0.0%
Portsmouth	0	0.0%
Southampton	0	0.0%

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