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Annex E1 Economy Overview Cheshire East

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Cheshire East

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Report Parameters

1 Local Authority

E06000049 Cheshire East

Class of Worker

Employees

The information in this report pertains to the chosen geographical area.

Economy Overview

408,473

Population (2024)

Population **grew by 17,917** over the last 5 years and is projected to **grow by 4,047** over the next 5 years.

210,506

Total Regional Employment

Jobs **grew by 14,053** over the last 5 years and are projected to **grow by 11,023** over the next 5 years.

£34.7k

Avg. Wages Per Job (2024)

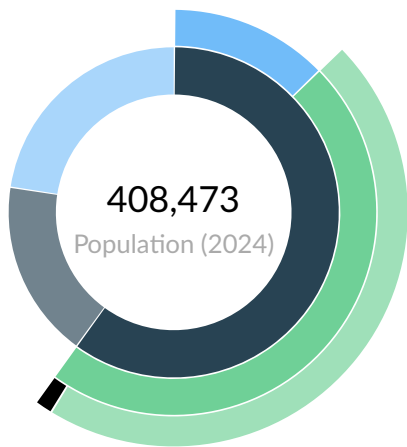
Regional average wages per job are **£1.5k below** the national average wages of £36.2k per job.

Takeaways

- As of 2024 the region's population **increased by 4.6%** since 2019, growing by 17,917. Population is expected to **increase by 1.0%** between 2024 and 2029, adding 4,047.
- From 2019 to 2024, jobs **increased by 7.2%** in Cheshire East from 196,453 to **210,506**. This change **outpaced the national growth rate of 5.4% by 1.8%**.
- Concerning educational attainment, **47.7% of Cheshire East residents possess a Higher Education - NVQ4+ SCQF L7-9** (2.4% above the national average), and **19.2% hold a NVQ 3 - SCQF L6** (0.1% above the national average).
- The top three industries in 2024 are Accounting, Bookkeeping and Auditing Activities; Tax Consultancy, Hospital Activities, and Activities of Head Offices.

	Population (2024)	Jobs (2024)	GVA	Imports	Exports
Region	408,473	210,506	£11.43b	£25.92b	£24.34b
Gov't Office Region	7,543,655	3,636,837	£164.43b	£295.89b	£254.98b

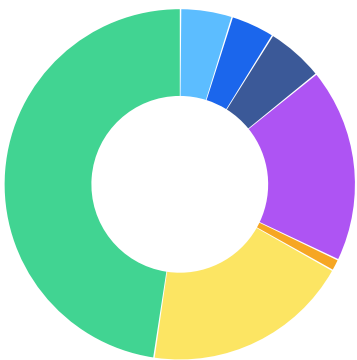
2023 Labour Force Breakdown



	Population
Total Working Age Population (16-64)	244,222
Not in Labour Force (16+)	51,524
Labour Force	192,698
Employed	187,650
Unemployed	5,048
Under 16	71,077
Over 64	92,254

Educational Attainment

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	% of Population	Population
No Qualifications (NVQ)	4.8%	11,637
Other Qualifications (NVQ)	4.0%	9,855
NVQ 1 - SCQF L4	5.3%	12,957
NVQ 2 - SCQF L5	17.9%	43,731
Trade Apprenticeships	1.1%	2,639
NVQ 3 - SCQF L6	19.2%	46,878
Higher Education - NVQ4+ SCQF L7-9	47.7%	116,524

Demographics

2024 Age Cohort Demographics



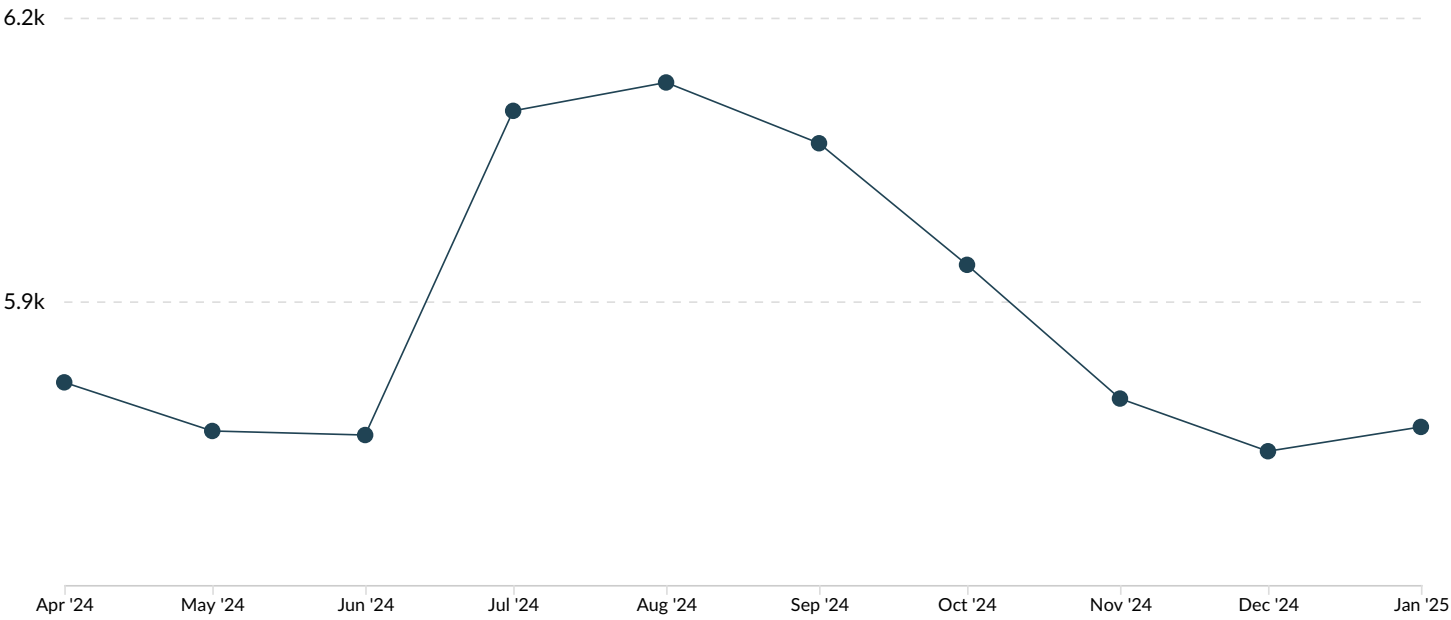
Age Cohort	2024 Population	2024 Percent	
Under 16 years	70,946	17.4%	
16 to 34 years	80,173	19.6%	
35 to 54 years	105,230	25.8%	
55 to 74 years	104,600	25.6%	
75 years and over	47,525	11.6%	

2024 Ethnicity Demographics



Ethnicity	2024 Population	2024 Percent	
All Other Ethnicities	9,513	2.3%	
Asian or Asian British: Indian	3,963	1.0%	
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group: Other	4,013	1.0%	
Mixed: All Mixed	8,149	2.0%	
White	382,834	93.7%	

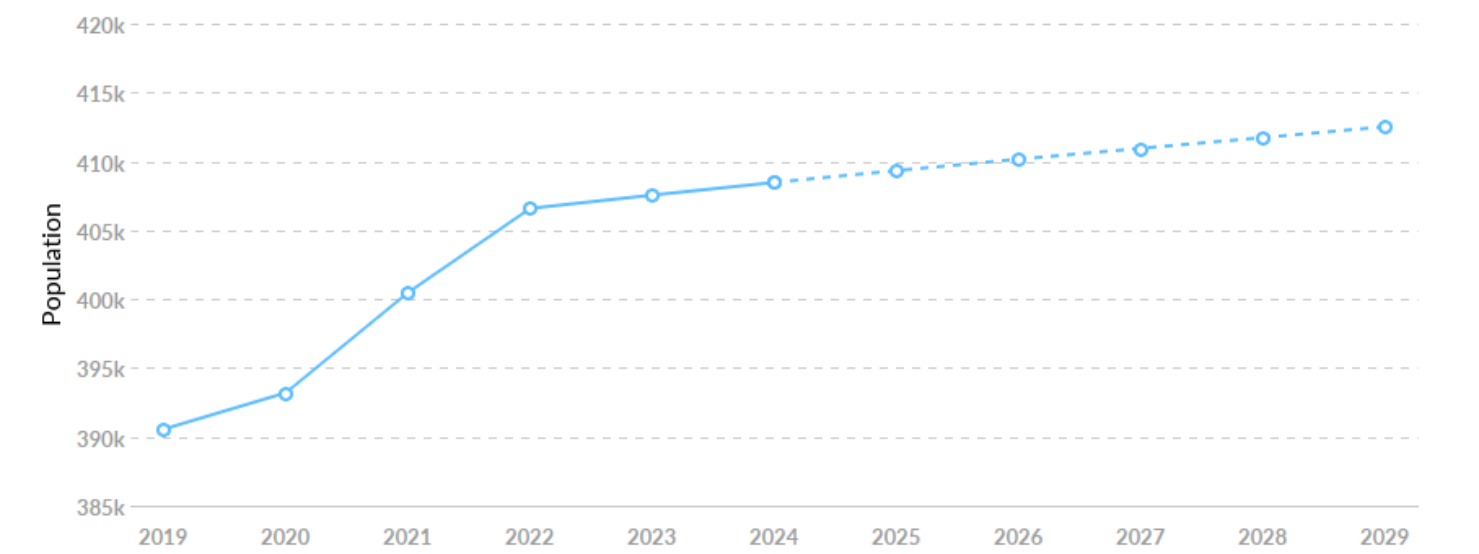
Full Claimant Count



Historic & Projected Trends

Population Trends

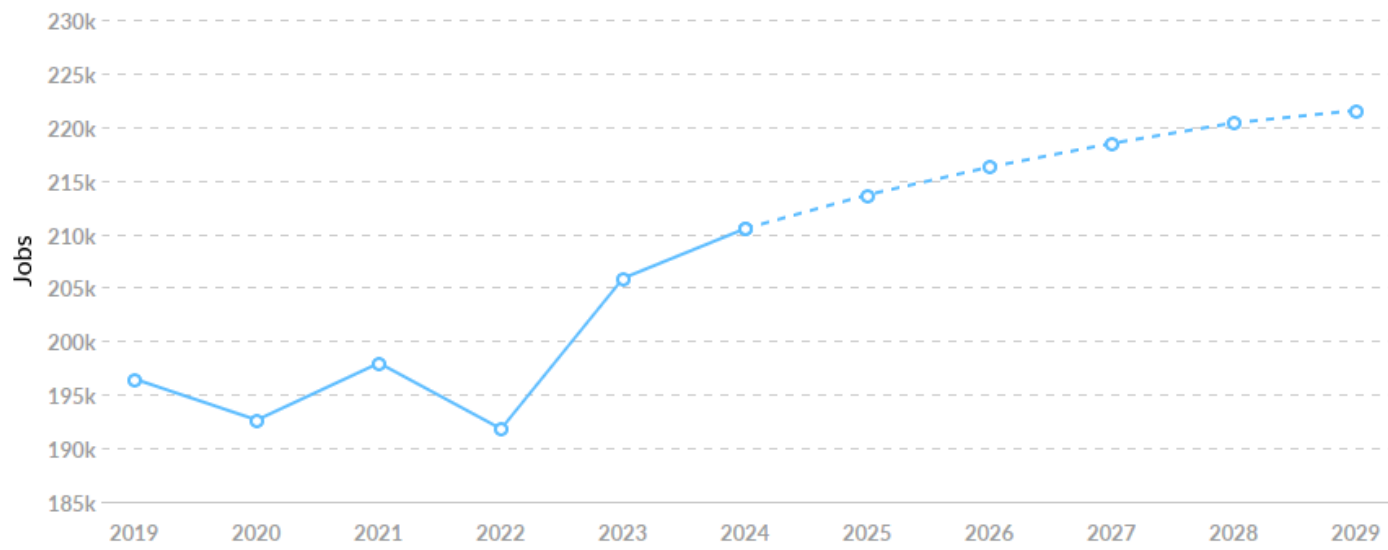
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Timeframe	Population
2019	390,556
2020	393,203
2021	400,474
2022	406,587
2023	407,552
2024	408,473
2025	409,336
2026	410,160
2027	410,951
2028	411,730
2029	412,520

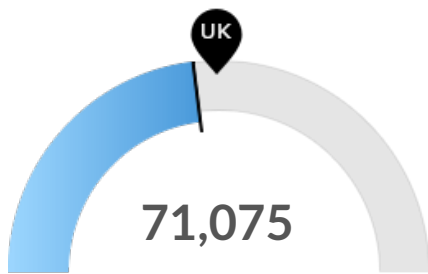
Job Trends

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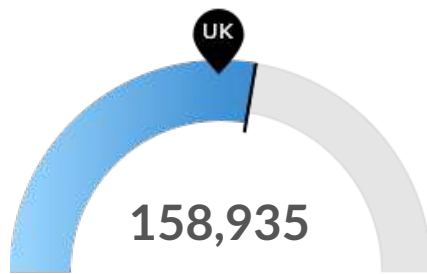
Timeframe	Jobs
2019	196,453
2020	192,630
2021	197,944
2022	191,796
2023	205,871
2024	210,506
2025	213,655
2026	216,249
2027	218,454
2028	220,371
2029	221,529

Population Characteristics



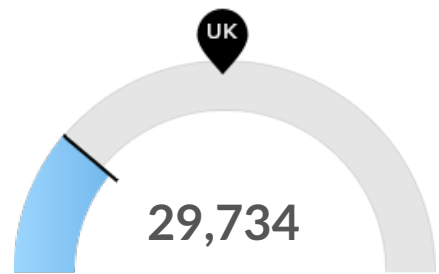
Millennials

Cheshire East has 71,075 millennials (ages 25-39). The national average for an area this size is 79,697.



Retiring Soon

Retirement risk is high in Cheshire East. The national average for an area this size is 136,575 people 55 or older, while there are 158,935 here.



Racial Diversity

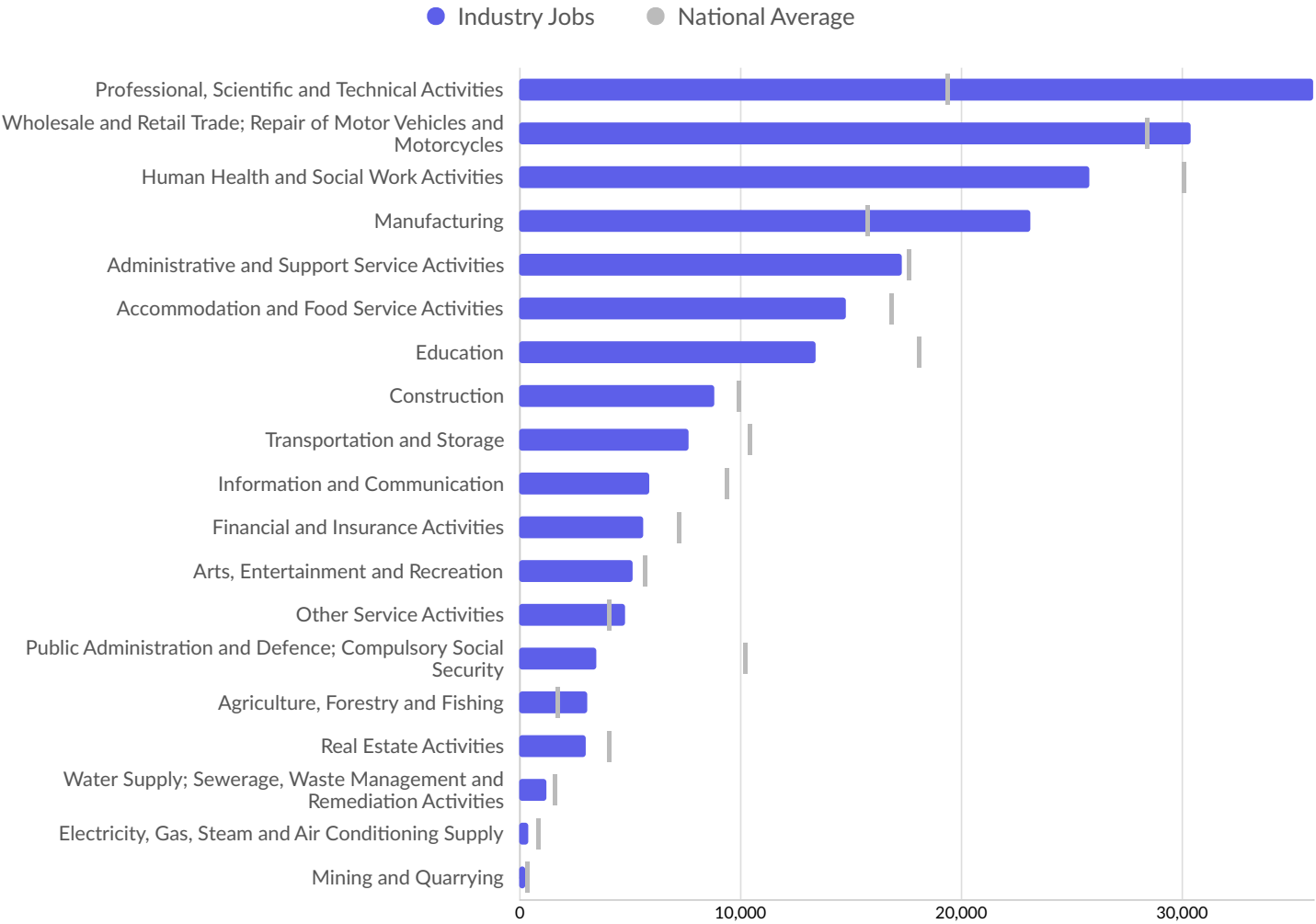
Racial diversity is low in Cheshire East. The national average for an area this size is 81,974 racially diverse people, while there are 29,734 here.

Industry Characteristics

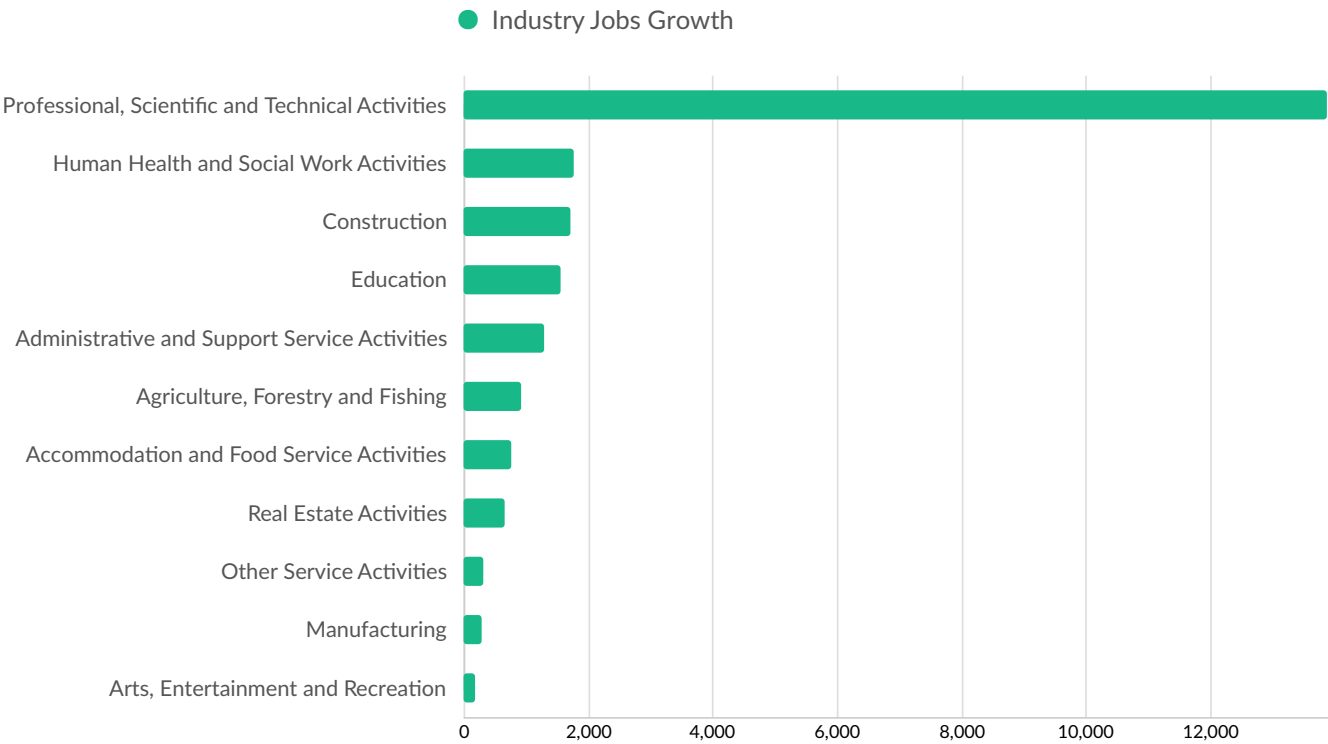
Industry Overview

Industry	Total Jobs	Avg. Wages Per Job (2024)	Industry Employment Concentration	% Job Change (2019 - 2024)	GVA (2022)	% of Total GVA
Extraction of Salt	92	£44,937	31.15	11.64%	£17,485,503	0.15%
Support Activities for Animal Production	963	£32,100	20.09	39.77%	£21,640,733	0.19%
Manufacture of Pharmaceutical Preparations	4,717	£42,129	19.03	24.85%	£418,283,373	3.66%
Manufacture of Wallpaper	88	£35,761	18.39	-34.14%	£6,911,965	0.06%
Wholesale of Tobacco Products	380	£46,680	15.96	32.51%	£35,150,506	0.31%
Manufacture of Other Ceramic Products	32	£16,321	10.44	-9.81%	£2,009,503	0.02%
Other Accommodation	829	£35,501	9.39	1,150.02%	£18,109,356	0.16%
Other Mining and Quarrying n.e.c.	85	£34,492	9.17	44.37%	£3,206,348	0.03%
Publishing of Computer Games	273	£39,454	9.05	1,700.99%	£11,100,696	0.10%
Manufacture of Motor Vehicles	3,834	£46,773	8.54	-13.22%	£614,867,417	5.38%

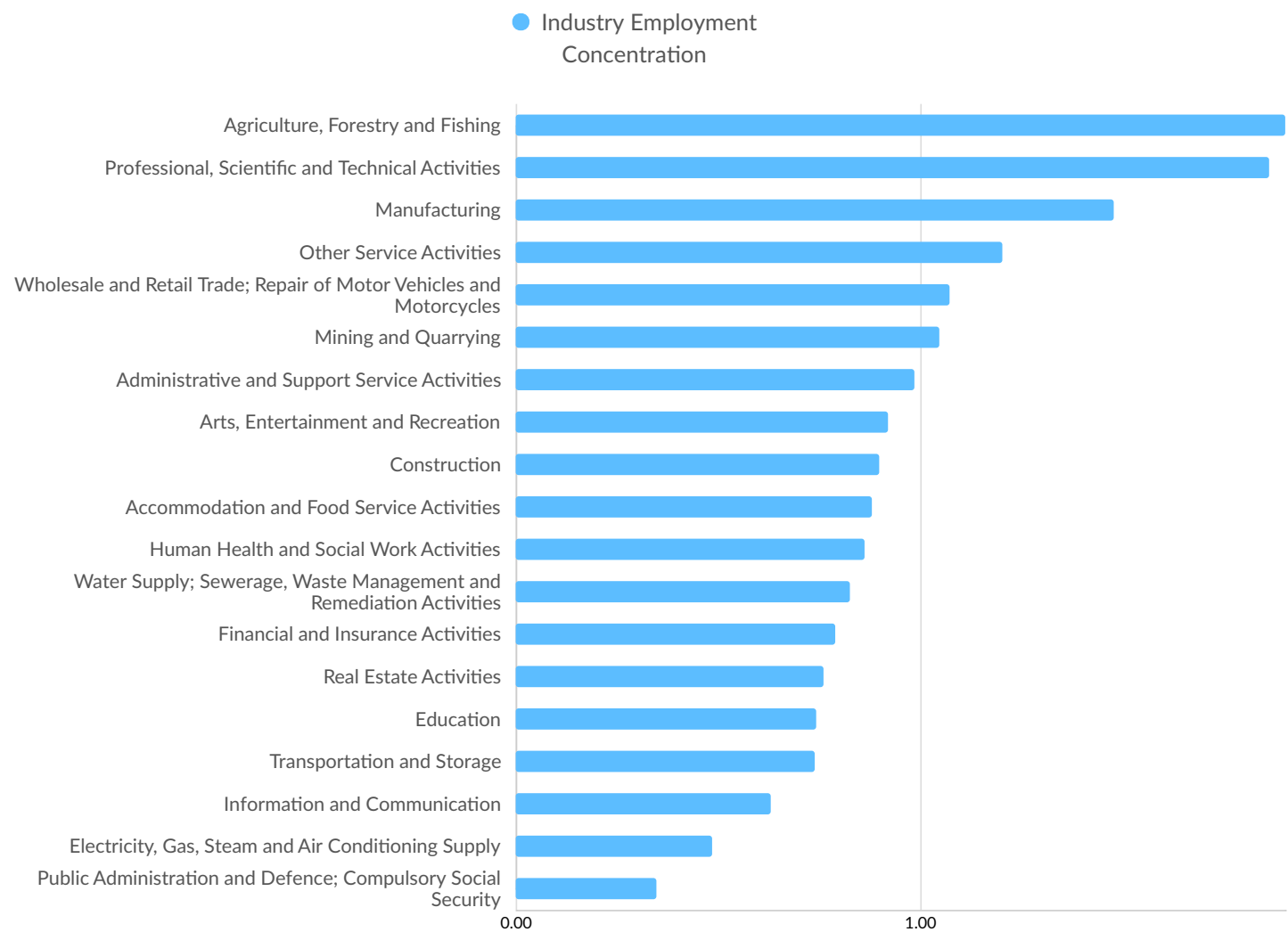
Largest Industries



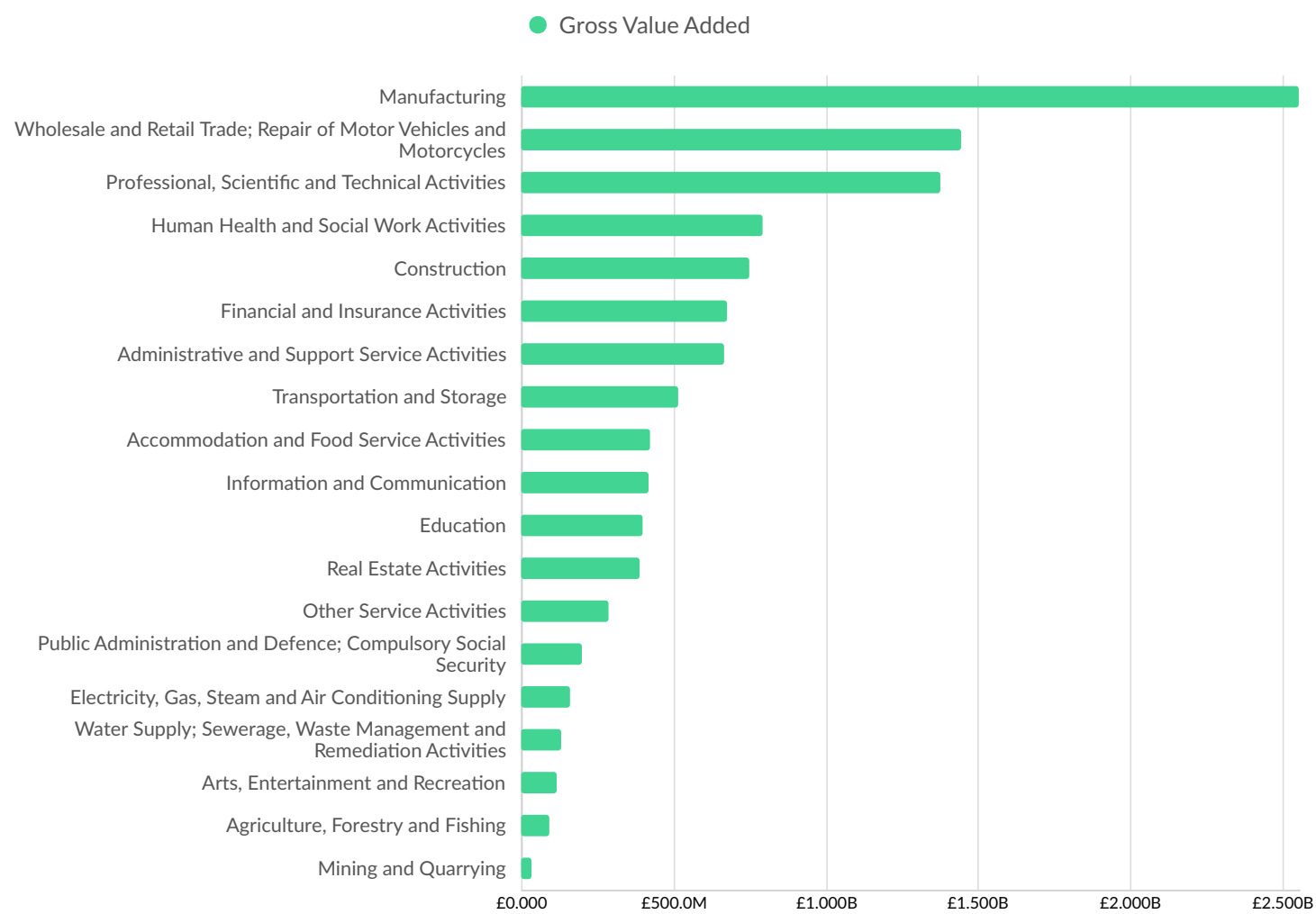
Top Growing Industries



Top Industry Employment Concentration

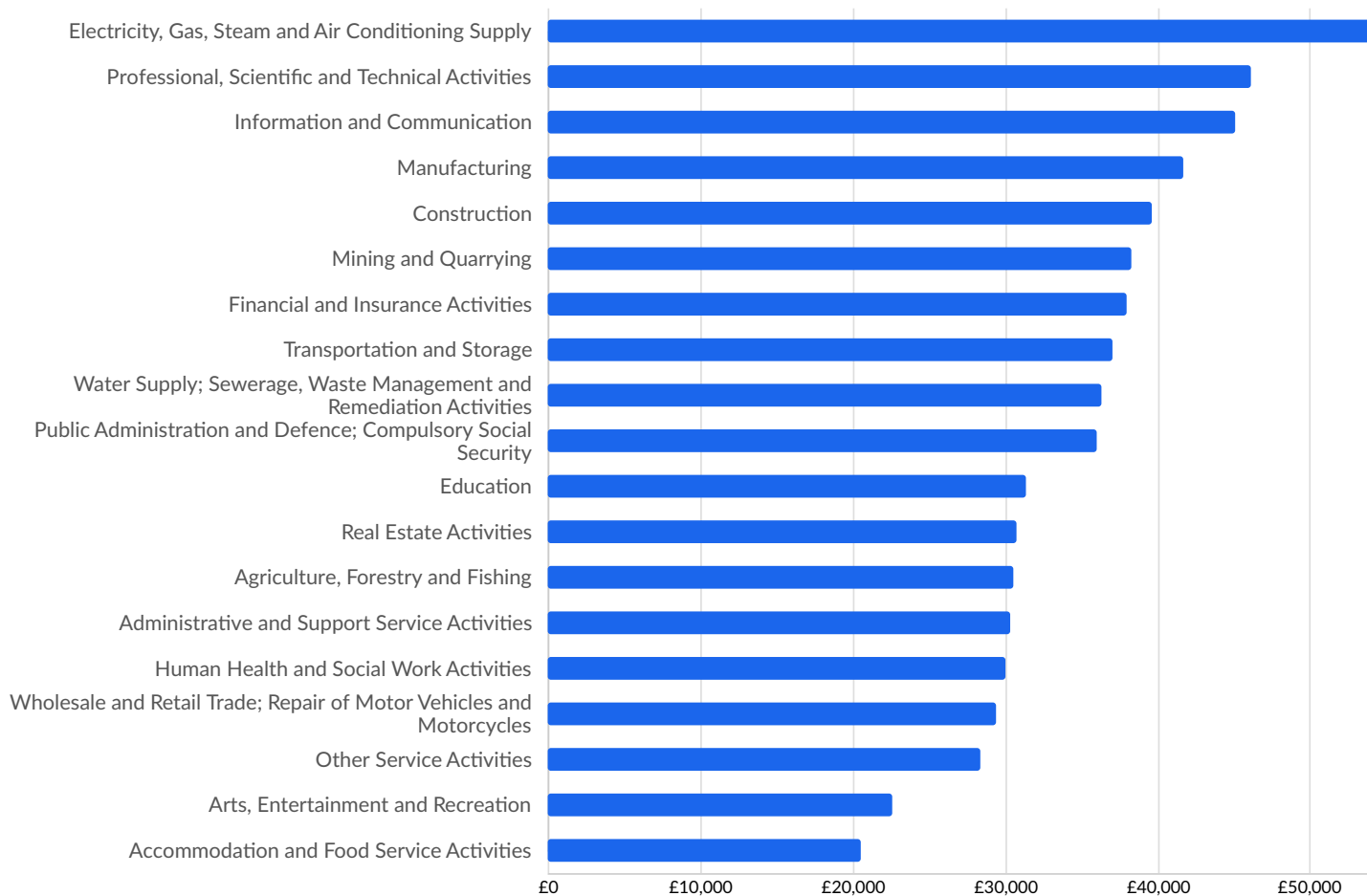


Top Industry GVA



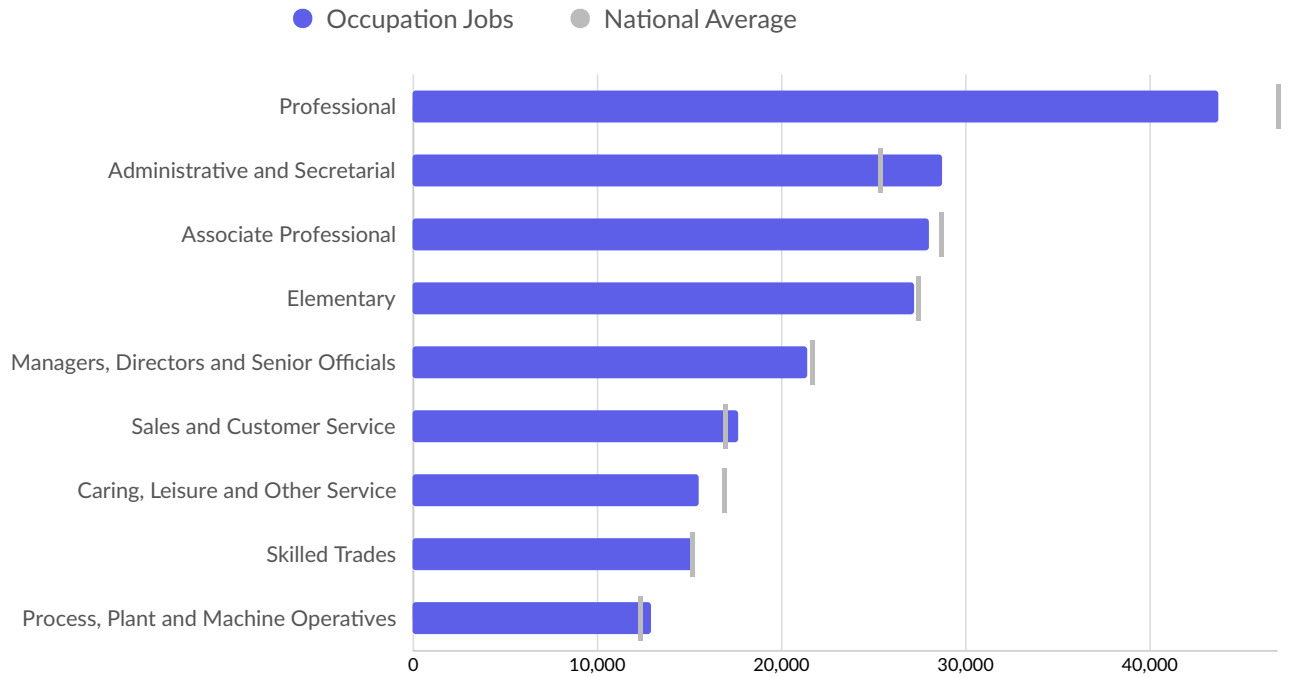
Top Industry Wages

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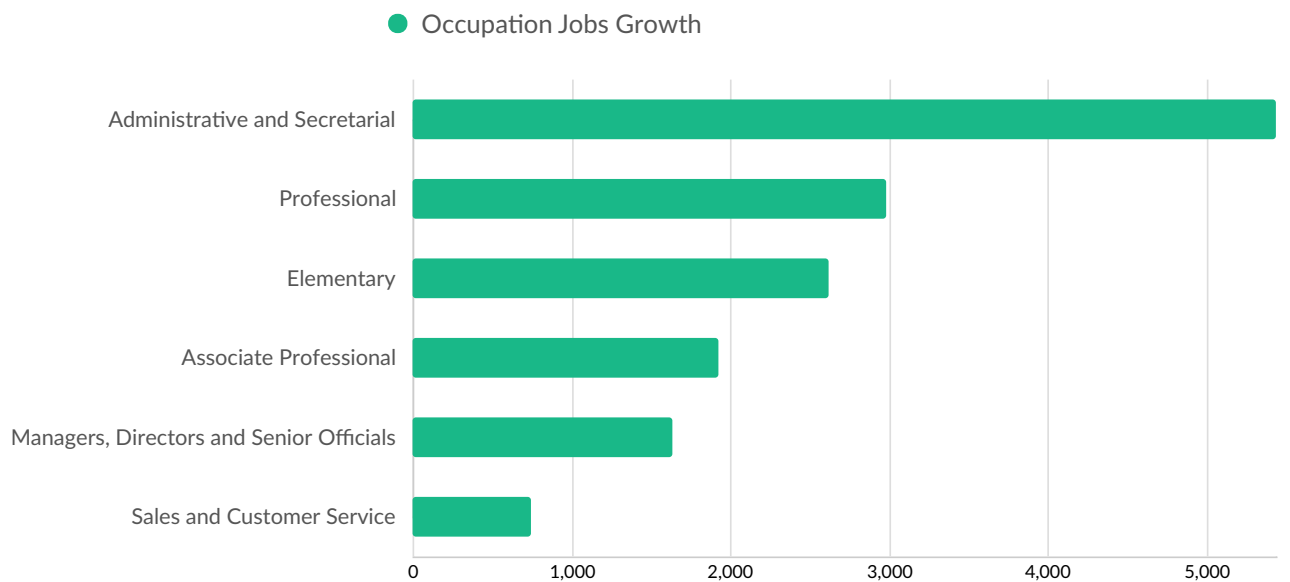


Workforce Characteristics

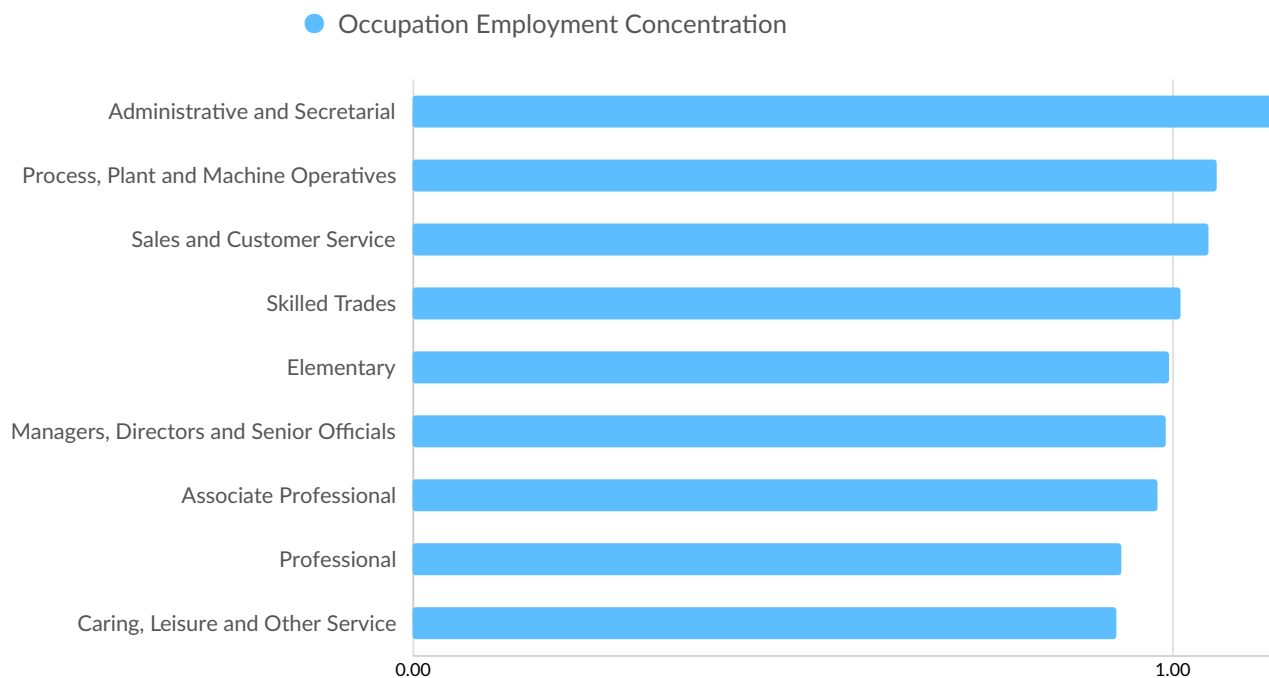
Largest Occupations



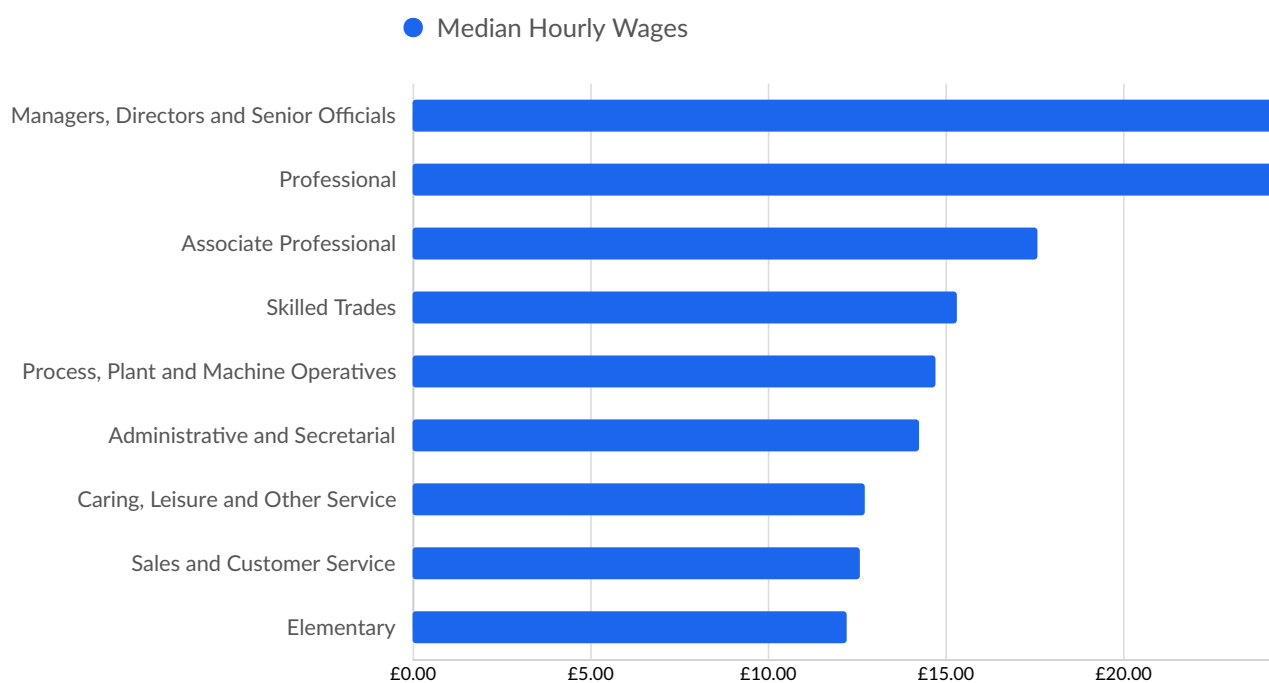
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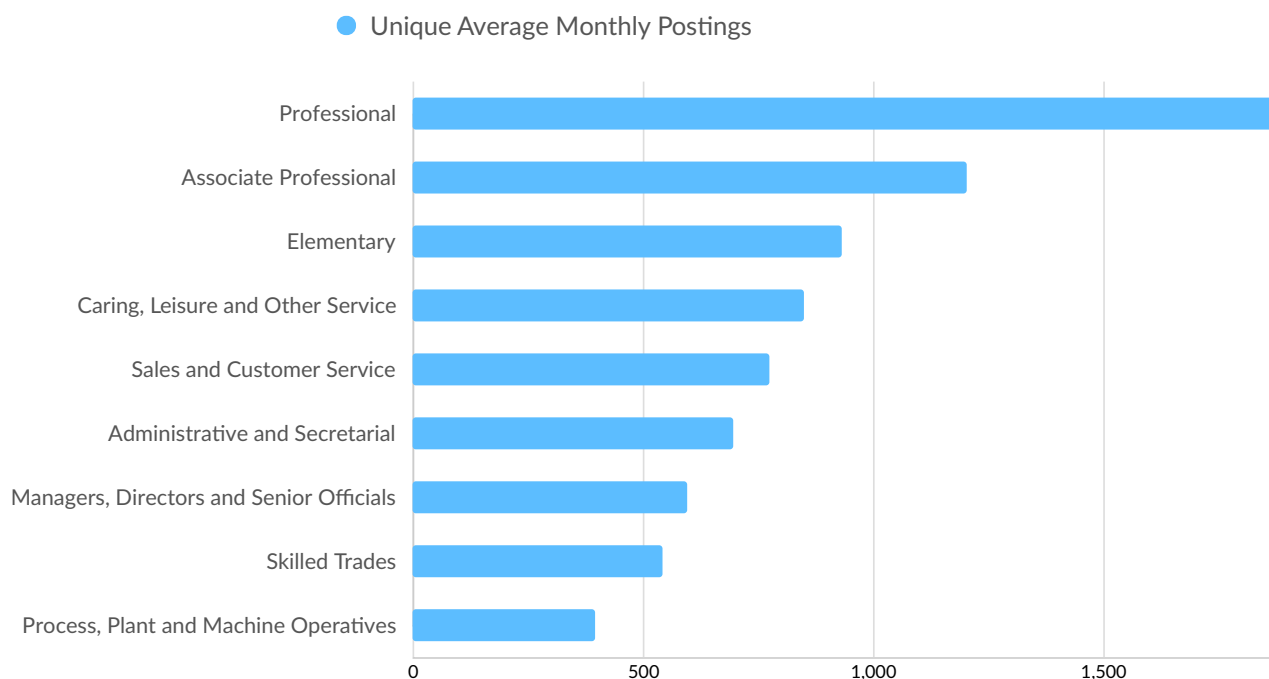
Top Occupation Employment Concentration



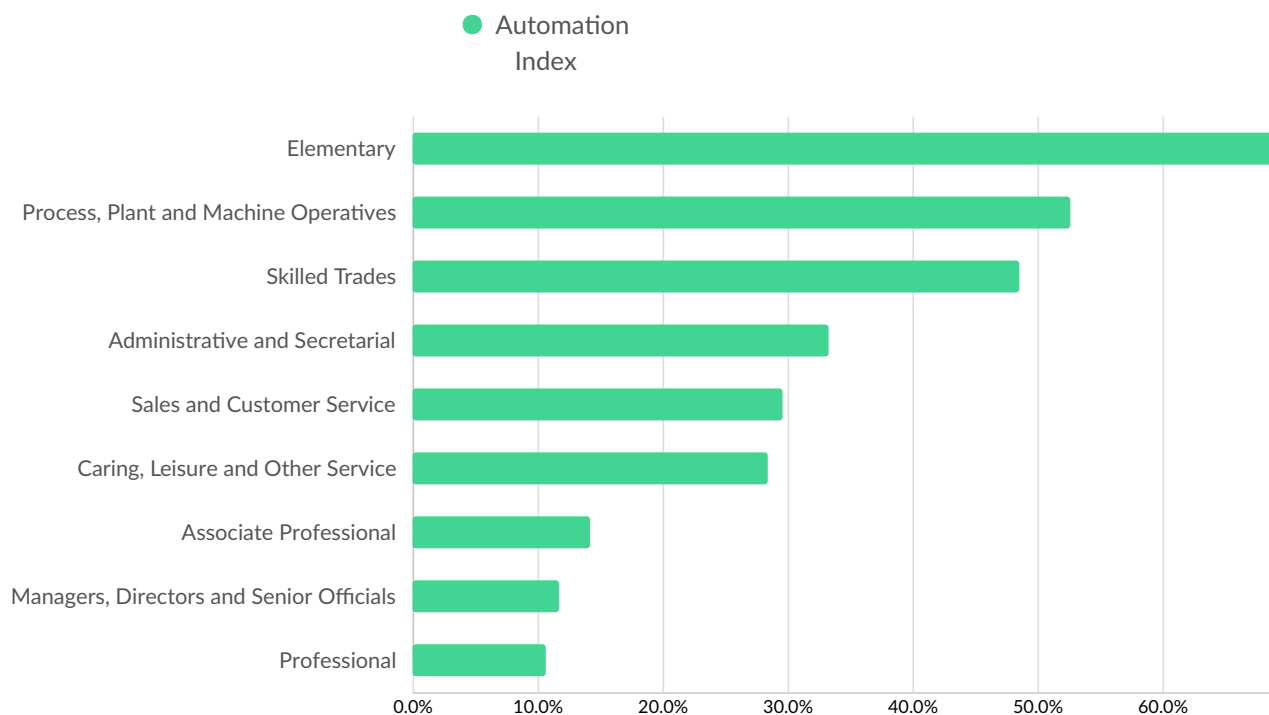
Top Occupation Wages



Top Posted Occupations



Automation Index



In-Demand Skills

