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Economy Overview Cheshire West & Chester

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Cheshire West and Chester

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Report Parameters

1 Local Authority

E06000050 Cheshire West and Chester

Class of Worker

Employees

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

Economy Overview

364,259

Population (2024)

Population **grew by 10,897** over the last 5 years and is projected to **grow by 5,494** over the next 5 years.

171,927

Total Regional Employment

Jobs **grew by 3,794** over the last 5 years and are projected to **grow by 4,932** over the next 5 years.

£33.3k

Avg. Wages Per Job (2024)

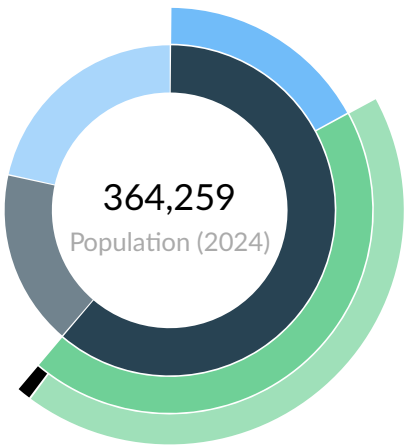
Regional average wages per job are **£3.0k below** the national average wages of £36.2k per job.

Takeaways

- As of 2024 the region's population **increased by 3.1%** since 2019, growing by 10,897. Population is expected to **increase by 1.5%** between 2024 and 2029, adding 5,494.
- From 2019 to 2024, jobs **increased by 2.3%** in Cheshire West and Chester from 168,133 to **171,927**. This change **fell short of the national growth rate of 5.4% by 3.1%**.
- Concerning educational attainment, **46.1% of Cheshire West and Chester residents possess a Higher Education - NVQ4+ SCQF L7-9** (0.8% above the national average), and **19.5% hold a NVQ 3 - SCQF L6** (0.4% above the national average).
- The top three industries in 2024 are Hospital Activities, Accounting, Bookkeeping and Auditing Activities; Tax Consultancy, and Restaurants and Mobile Food Service Activities.

	Population (2024)	Jobs (2024)	GVA	Imports	Exports
Region	364,259	171,927	£9.86b	£35.61b	£52.68b
Gov't Office Region	7,543,655	3,636,837	£164.43b	£295.89b	£254.98b

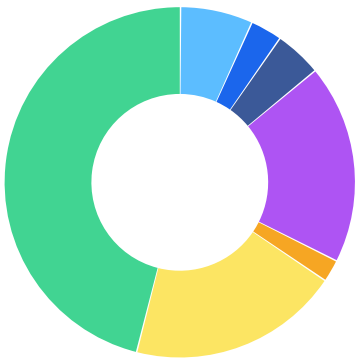
2023 Labour Force Breakdown



	Population
Total Working Age Population (16-64)	222,073
Not in Labour Force (16+)	61,678
Labour Force	160,395
Employed	156,550
Unemployed	3,845
Under 16	62,496
Over 64	78,489

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	% of Population	Population
No Qualifications (NVQ)	6.7%	14,835
Other Qualifications (NVQ)	2.9%	6,492
NVQ 1 - SCQF L4	4.3%	9,653
NVQ 2 - SCQF L5	18.4%	40,817
Trade Apprenticeships	2.1%	4,563
NVQ 3 - SCQF L6	19.5%	43,327
Higher Education - NVQ4+ SCQF L7-9	46.1%	102,387

Demographics

2024 Age Cohort Demographics



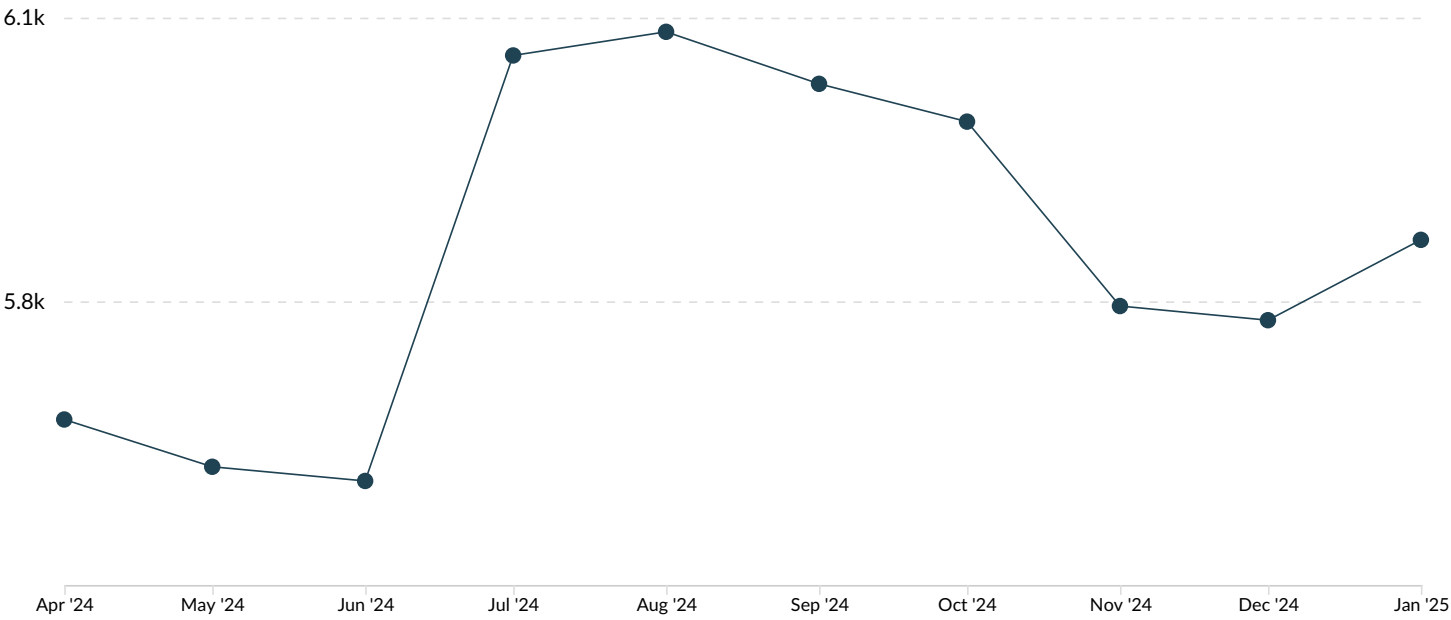
Age Cohort	2024 Population	2024 Percent	
Under 16 years	62,538	17.2%	
16 to 34 years	79,019	21.7%	
35 to 54 years	92,339	25.3%	
55 to 74 years	91,020	25.0%	
75 years and over	39,342	10.8%	

2024 Ethnicity Demographics



Ethnicity	2024 Population	2024 Percent	
All Other Ethnicities	8,041	2.2%	
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group: Other	2,698	0.7%	
Asian or Asian British: Indian	2,726	0.7%	
Mixed: All Mixed	5,989	1.6%	
White	344,806	94.7%	

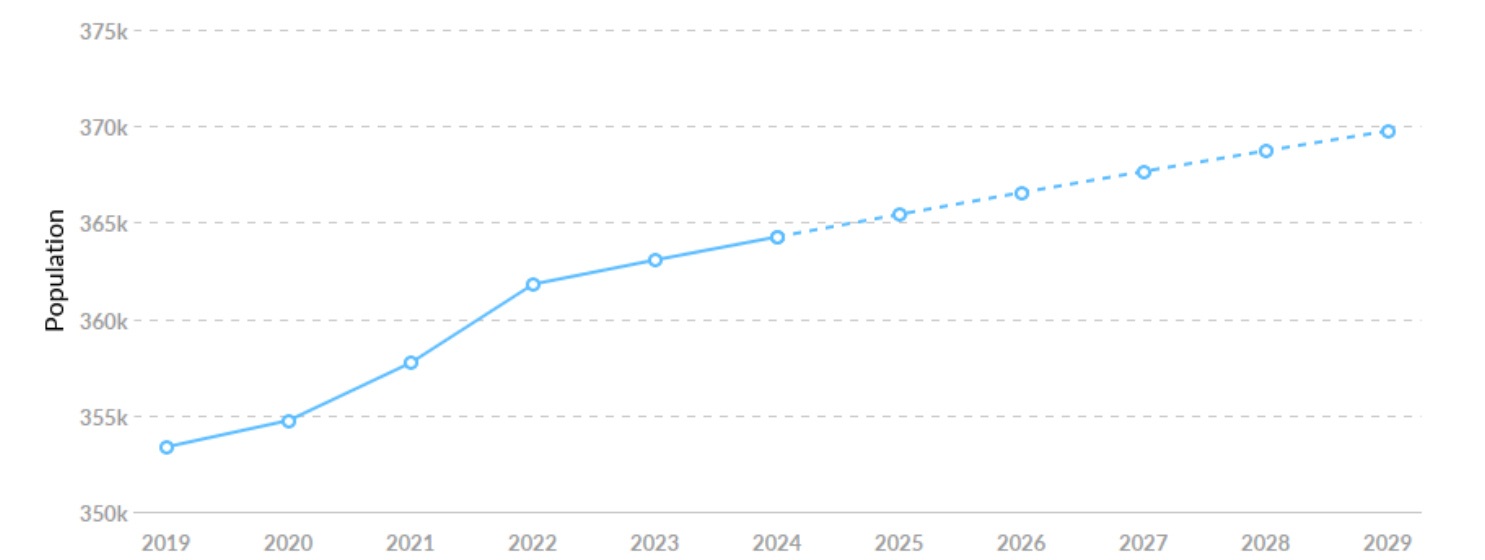
Full Claimant Count



Historic & Projected Trends

Population Trends

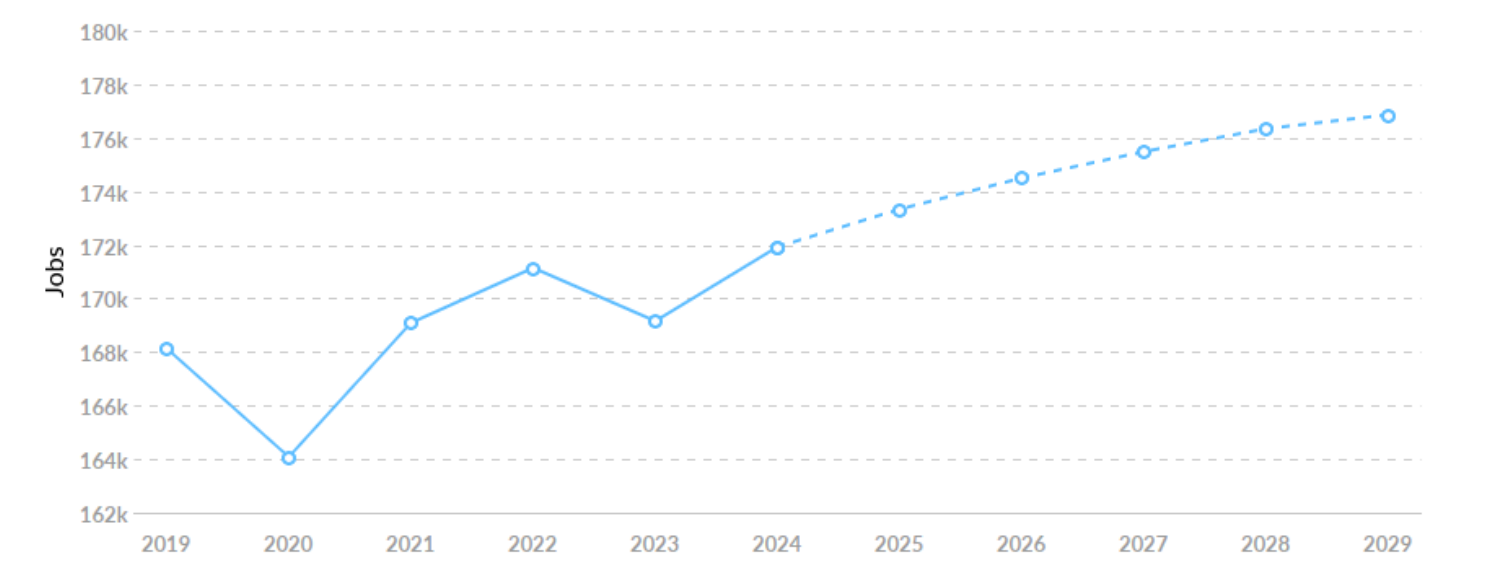
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Timeframe	Population
2019	353,362
2020	354,738
2021	357,730
2022	361,799
2023	363,058
2024	364,259
2025	365,425
2026	366,556
2027	367,653
2028	368,722
2029	369,753

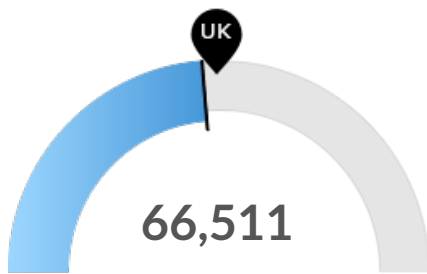
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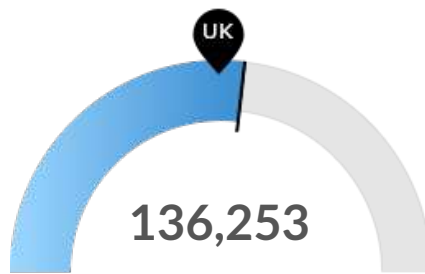
Timeframe	Jobs
2019	168,133
2020	164,083
2021	169,089
2022	171,143
2023	169,156
2024	171,927
2025	173,336
2026	174,497
2027	175,484
2028	176,341
2029	176,860

Population Characteristics



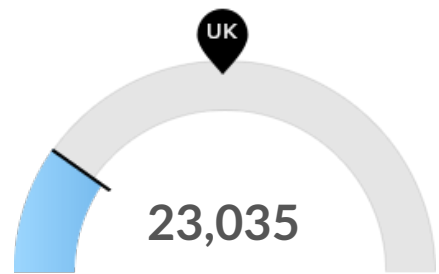
Millennials

Cheshire West and Chester has 66,511 millennials (ages 25-39). The national average for an area this size is 71,612.



Retiring Soon

Retirement risk is high in Cheshire West and Chester. The national average for an area this size is 122,720 people 55 or older, while there are 136,253 here.



Racial Diversity

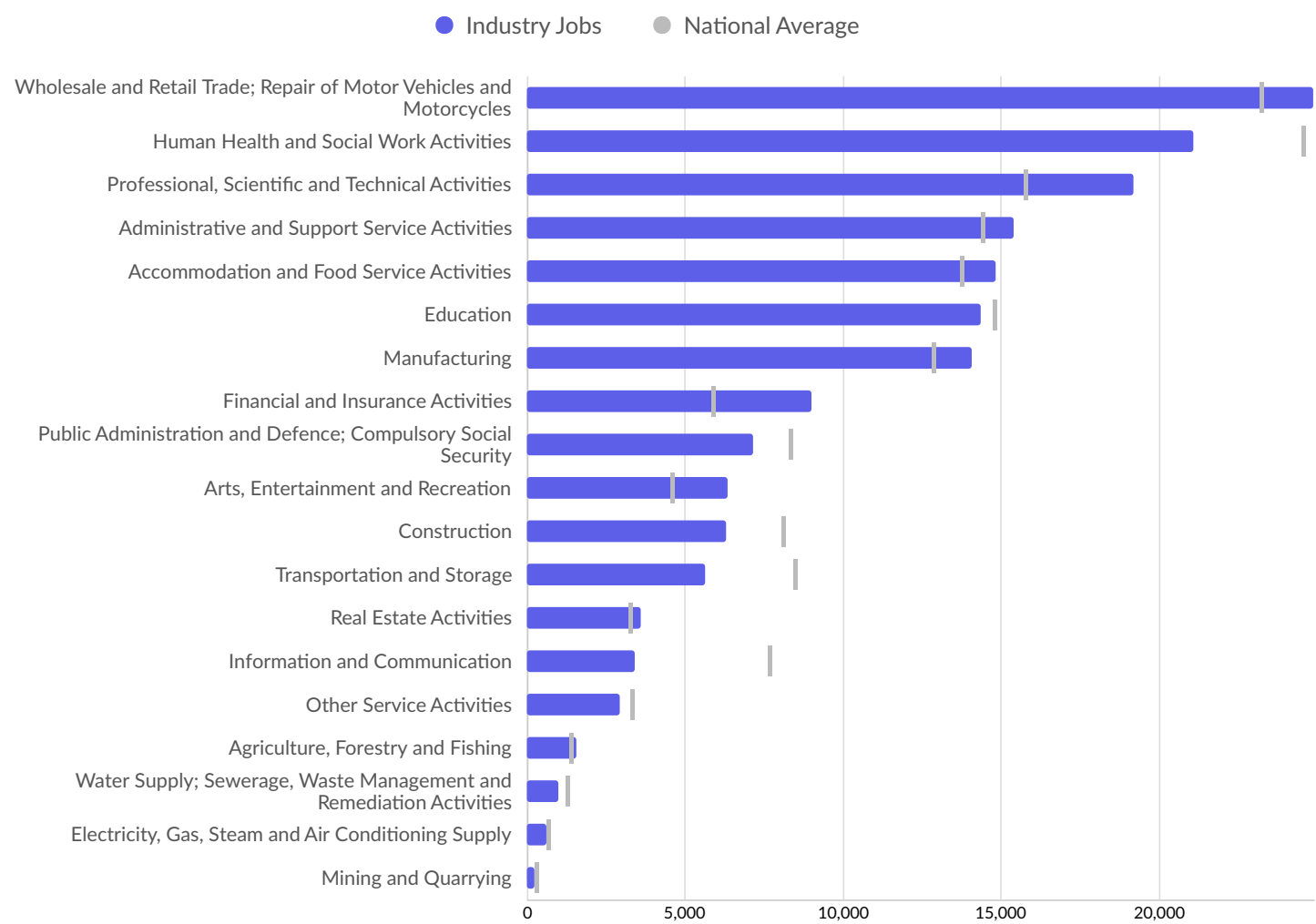
Racial diversity is low in Cheshire West and Chester. The national average for an area this size is 73,658 racially diverse people, while there are 23,035 here.

Industry Characteristics

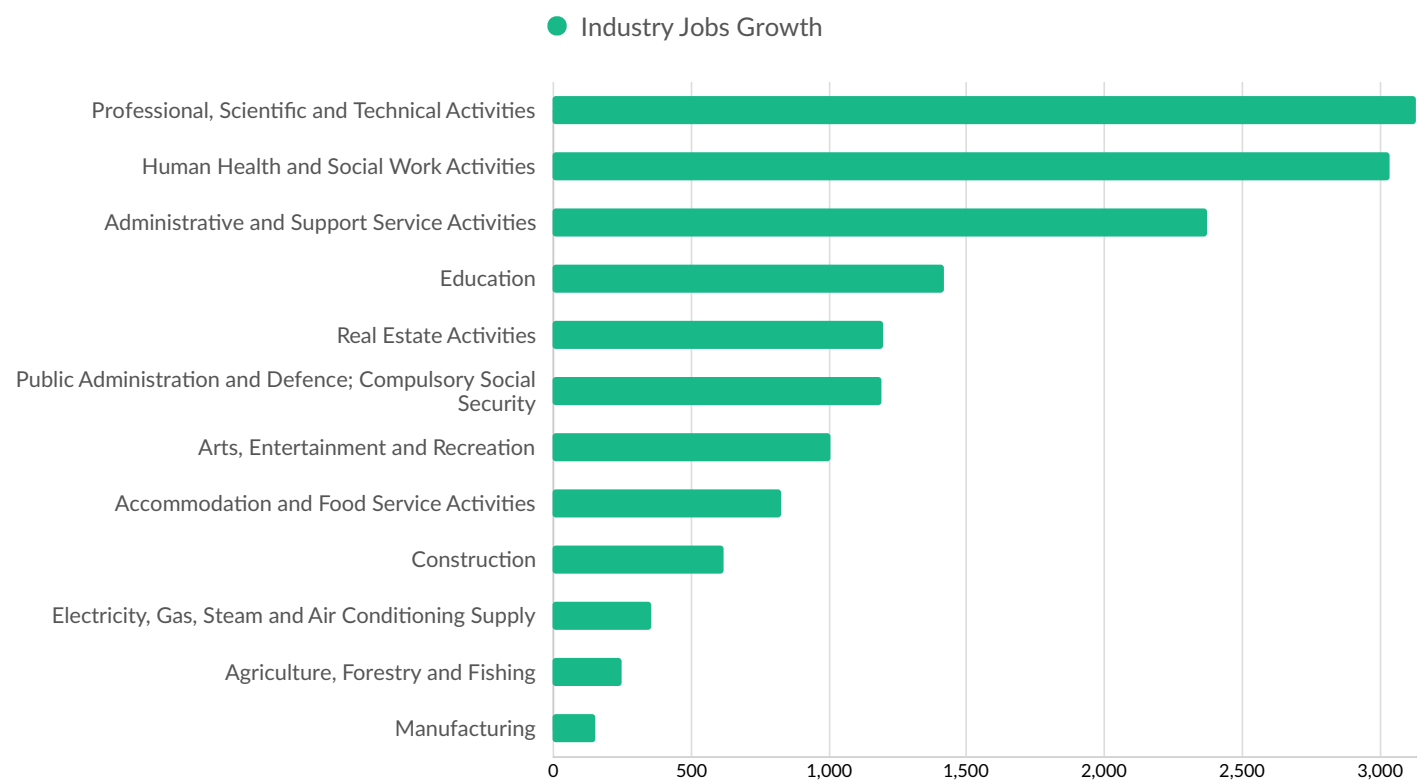
Industry Overview

Industry	Total Jobs	Avg. Wages Per Job (2024)	Industry Employment Concentration	% Job Change (2019 - 2024)	GVA (2022)	% of Total GVA
Extraction of Salt	183	£44,937	75.63	1.34%	£25,540,997	0.26%
Manufacture of Hollow Glass	1,062	£43,993	39.98	-14.63%	£65,459,078	0.66%
Manufacture of Other Inorganic Basic Chemicals	814	£56,093	30.99	15.52%	£109,902,127	1.11%
Lead, Zinc and Tin Production	112	£50,794	21.49	-16.40%	£6,214,801	0.06%
Manufacture of Steel Drums and Similar Containers	103	£36,957	19.00	-15.67%	£4,319,416	0.04%
Manufacture of Refined Petroleum Products	841	£60,042	16.84	-11.12%	£315,355,453	3.20%
Collection of Hazardous Waste	123	£33,306	13.59	-7.90%	£6,984,803	0.07%
Manufacture of Fertilisers and Nitrogen Compounds	127	£35,081	10.28	-72.49%	£22,172,645	0.22%
Manufacture of Machinery for Textile, Apparel and Leather Production	52	£31,006	7.70	-6.00%	£4,305,601	0.04%
Manufacture of Other Chemical Products n.e.c.	664	£56,863	7.28	17.32%	£64,549,795	0.65%

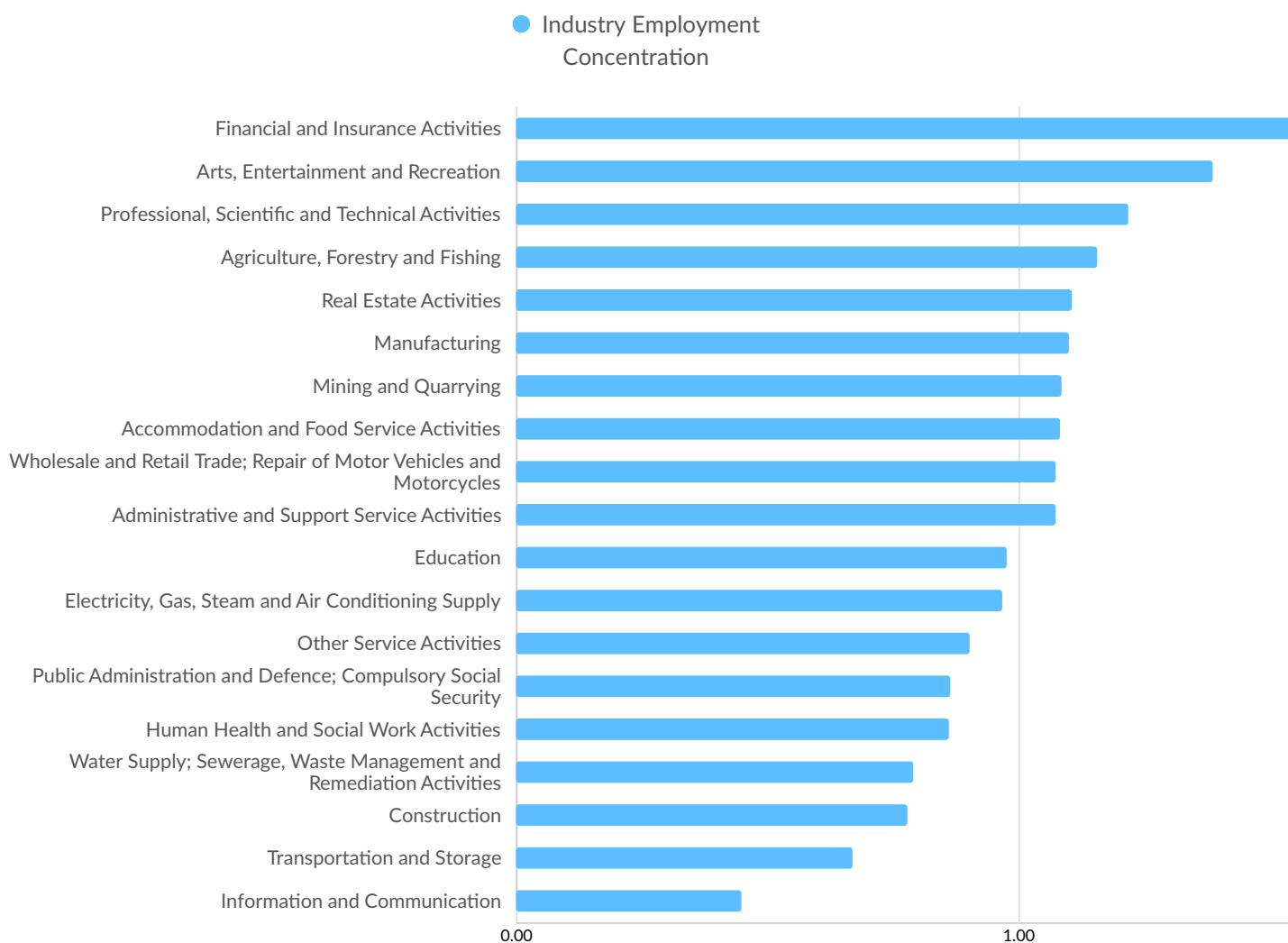
Largest Industries



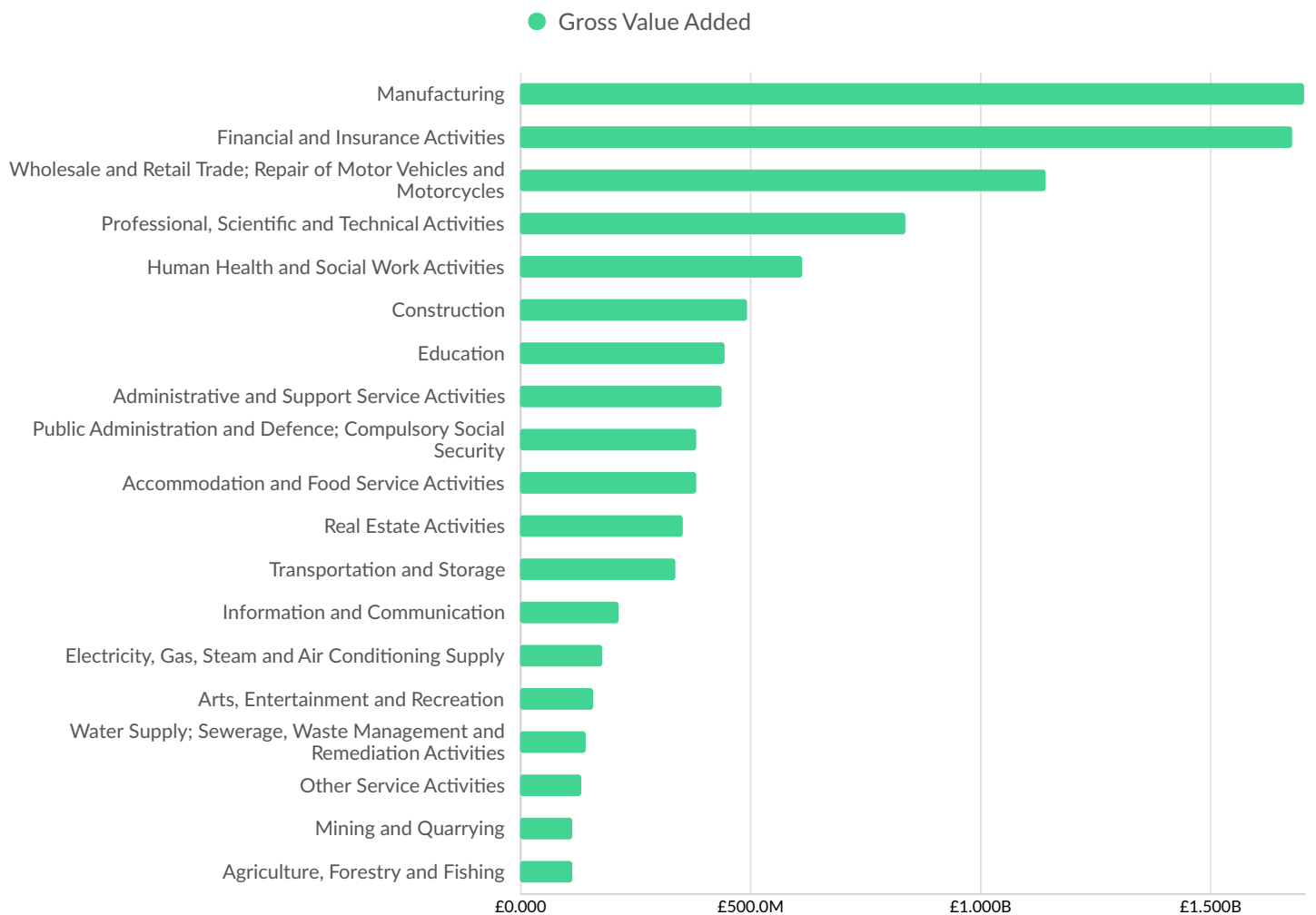
Top Growing Industries



Top Industry Employment Concentration



Top Industry GVA



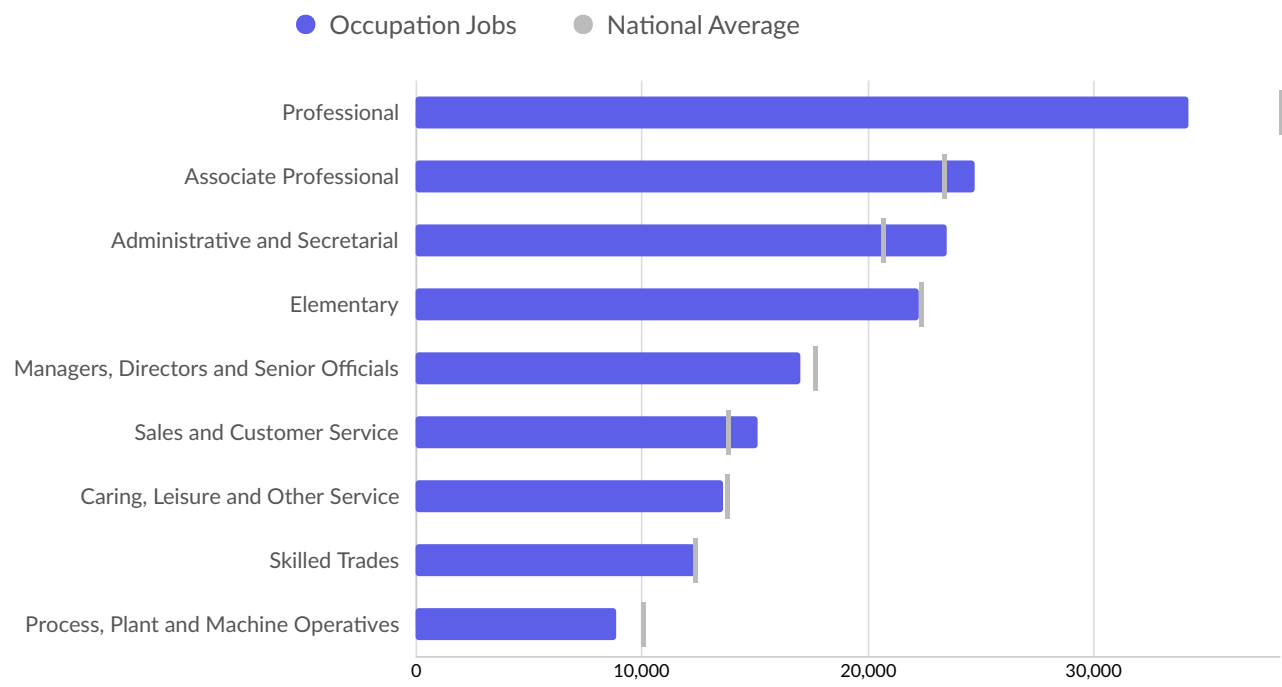
Top Industry Wages

● Wages Per Worker

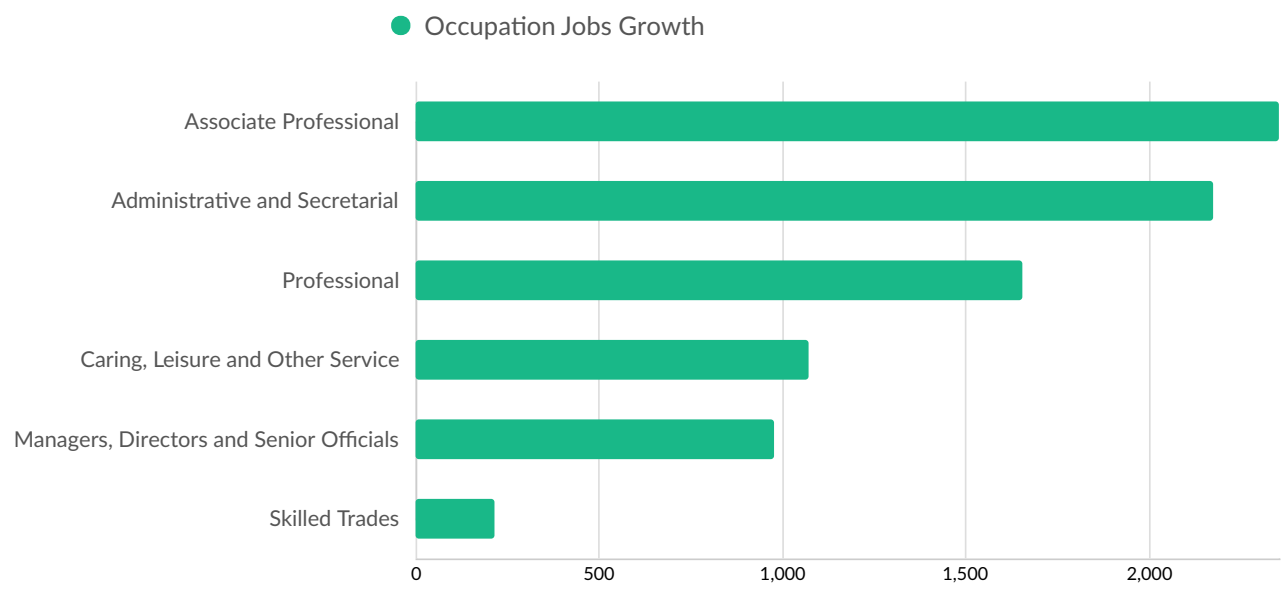


Workforce Characteristics

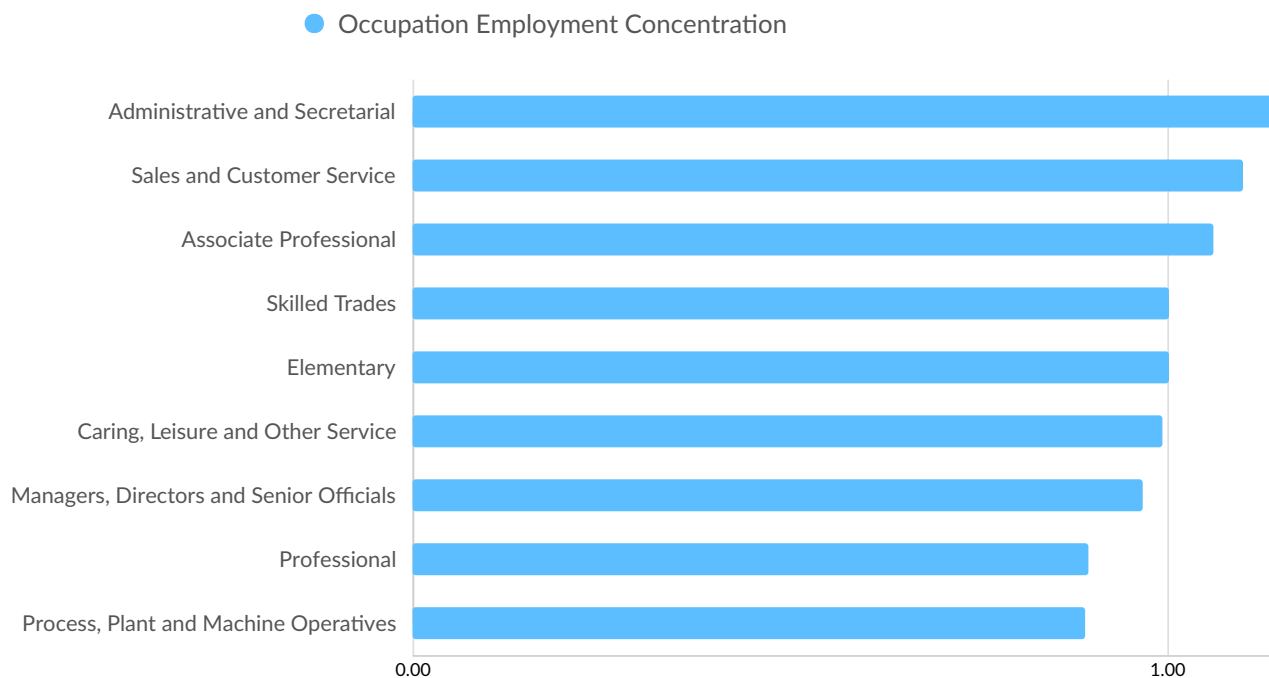
Largest Occupations



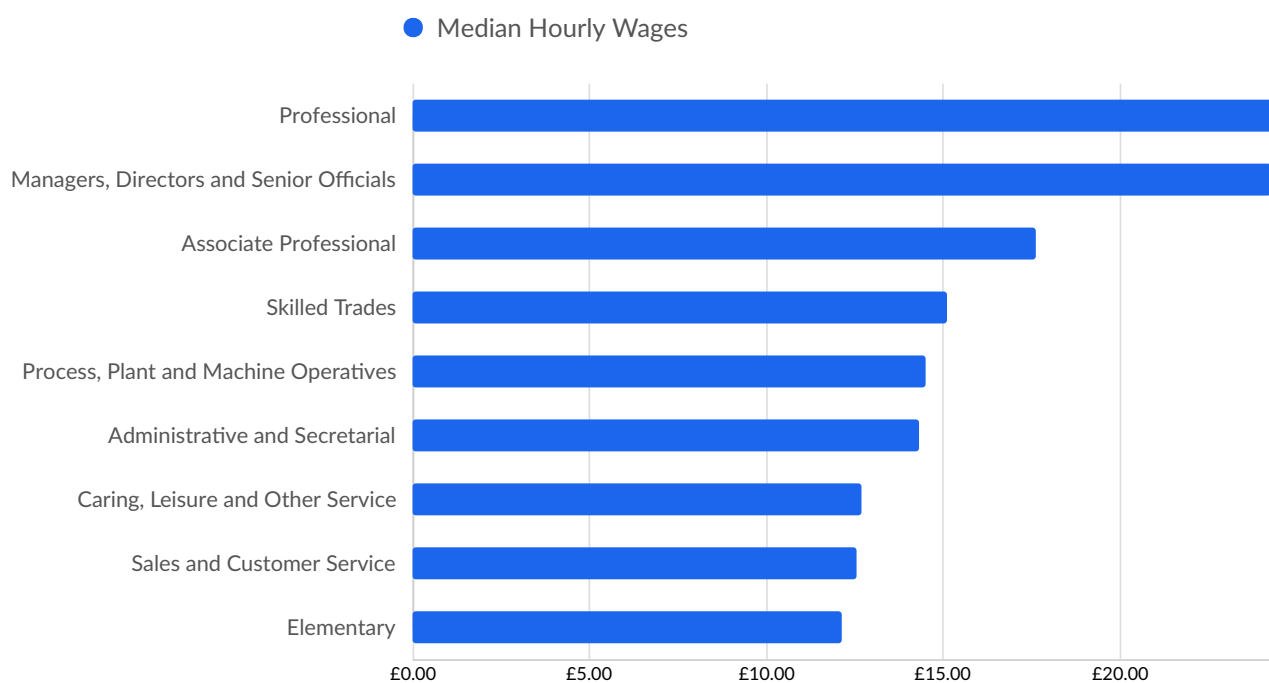
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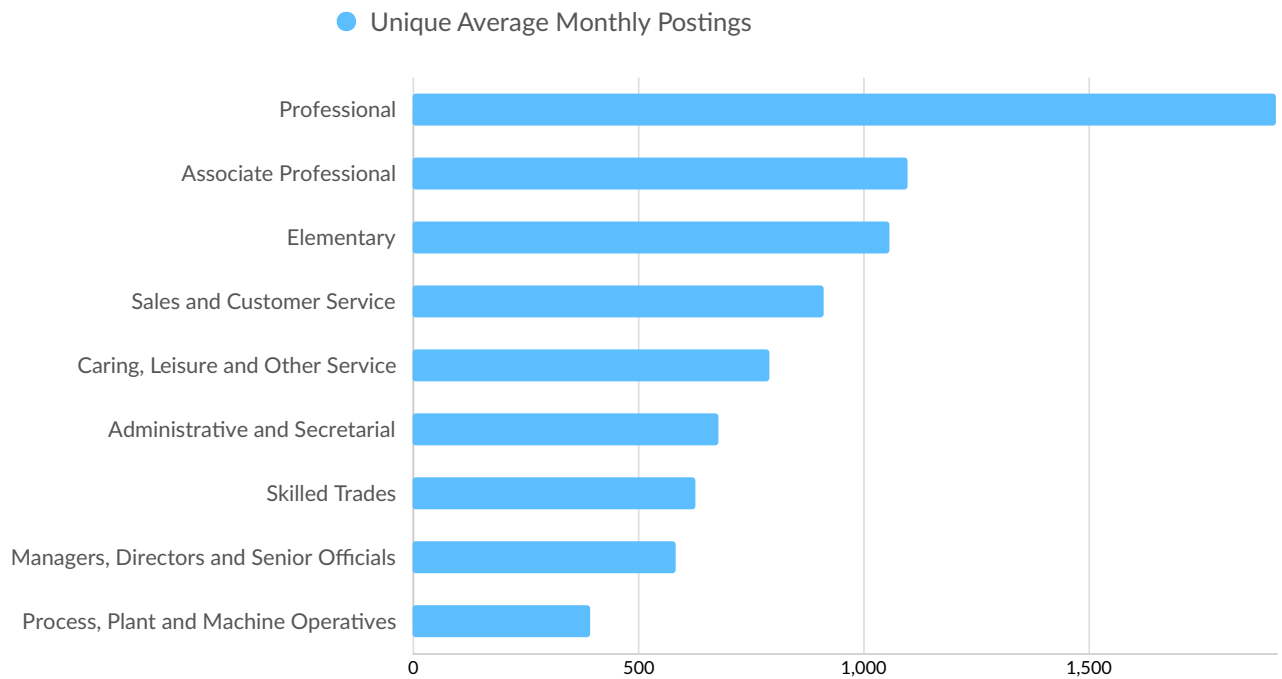
Top Occupation Employment Concentration



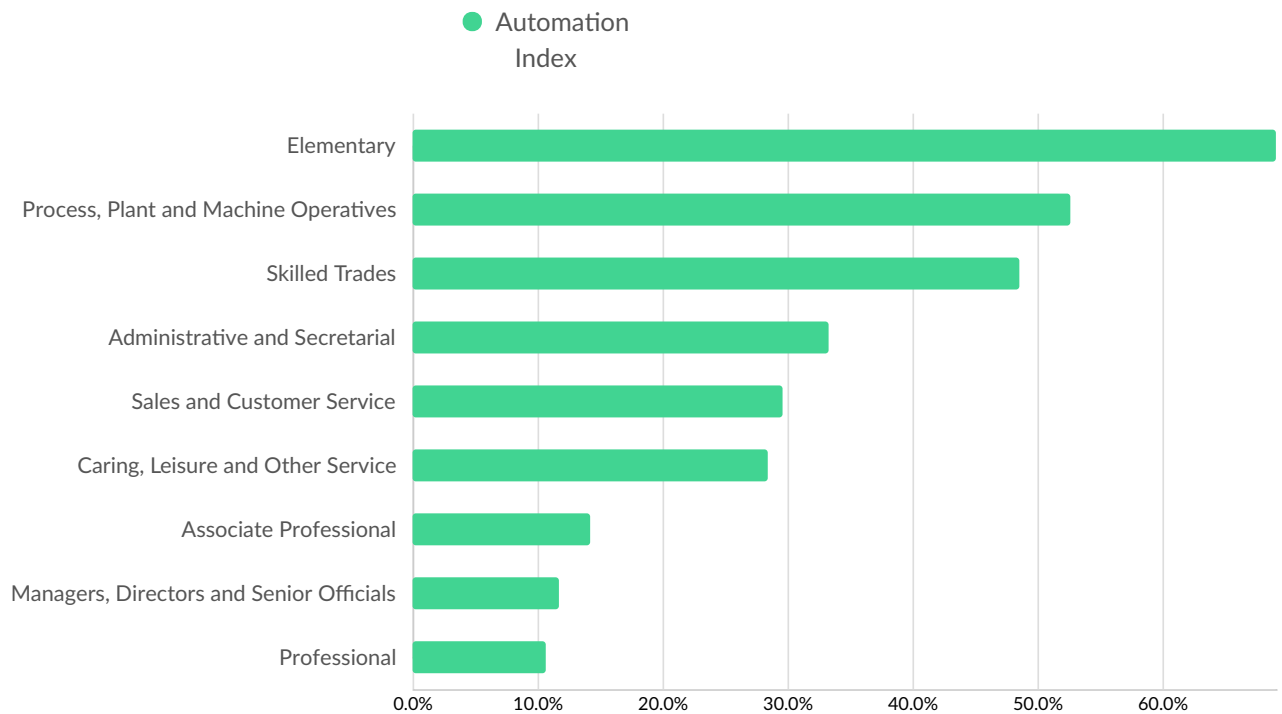
Top Occupation Wages



Top Posted Occupations



Automation Index



In-Demand Skills

