# Leicestershire Annual Economic Profile 2023

### Introduction

Since the completion of the last economic profile (2022) there have been many changes to the economy.

The completion of the last profile was marked by the reopening of the economy and the withdrawal of government support for business following the Covid 19 pandemic. The reopening of markets saw a resetting of the economy which led to some businesses/ industries having to rethink how they operate/ do business.

Some businesses/ industries were affected more than others. For many this has been a tough period of trading that has been further exasperated by world events. The resetting of and recovery of the economy looks to go well beyond 2023, the war in Ukraine, staff and skills shortages, energy prices, Brexit, a cost of living crises and inflationary pressures are set to prolong recovery and uncertainty is likely to remain a key feature of the local and national economies.

### Purpose

Annual Economic Profiles have been produced since 2013. Their purpose is to bring together data from a variety of sources that:

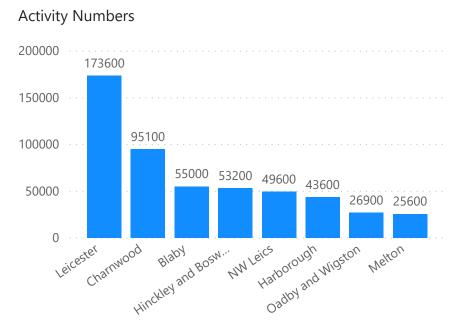
- Help provide a snapshot of the local economy.
- Demonstrate how the local economy is performing.
- Show what businesses support the economy and local employment and where this is changing.
- Illustrate where there are economic strengths and weaknesses.
- Help to understand where there has been growth and how the economy has changed.

Note: It is important to understand that some data supplied has time-lags. As a result data may not fully appreciate how local and national events have impacted the economy.

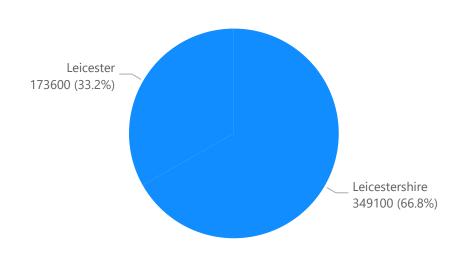
### **Economic Activity**

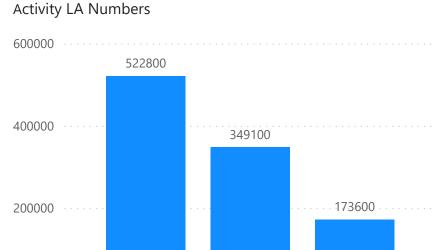
In the Leicestershire area 349,100 people were economically active. This was 82.1% of those that were of working age. The England average was 78.7%.

The 349,000 make up 66.8% of the working age population of the Leicester and Leicestershire area that were economically active.



### Activity LA Share





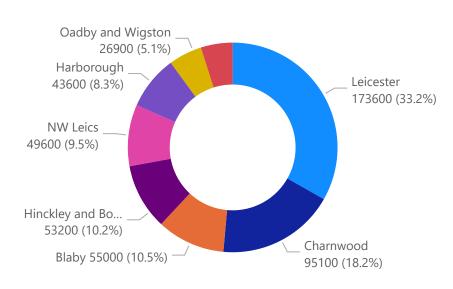
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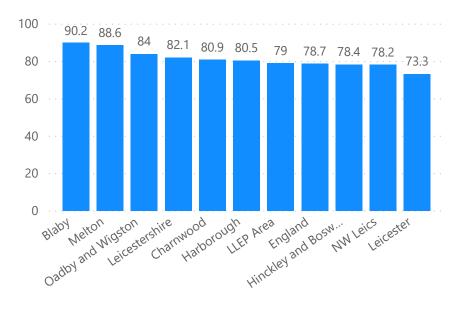
Activity Share (LLEP Area)

LLEP Area

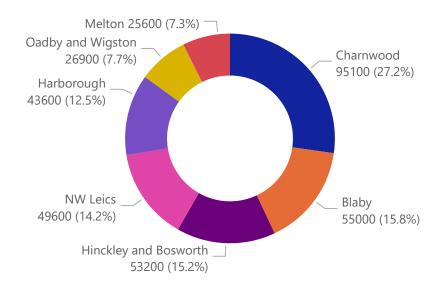
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### **Activity District Share**



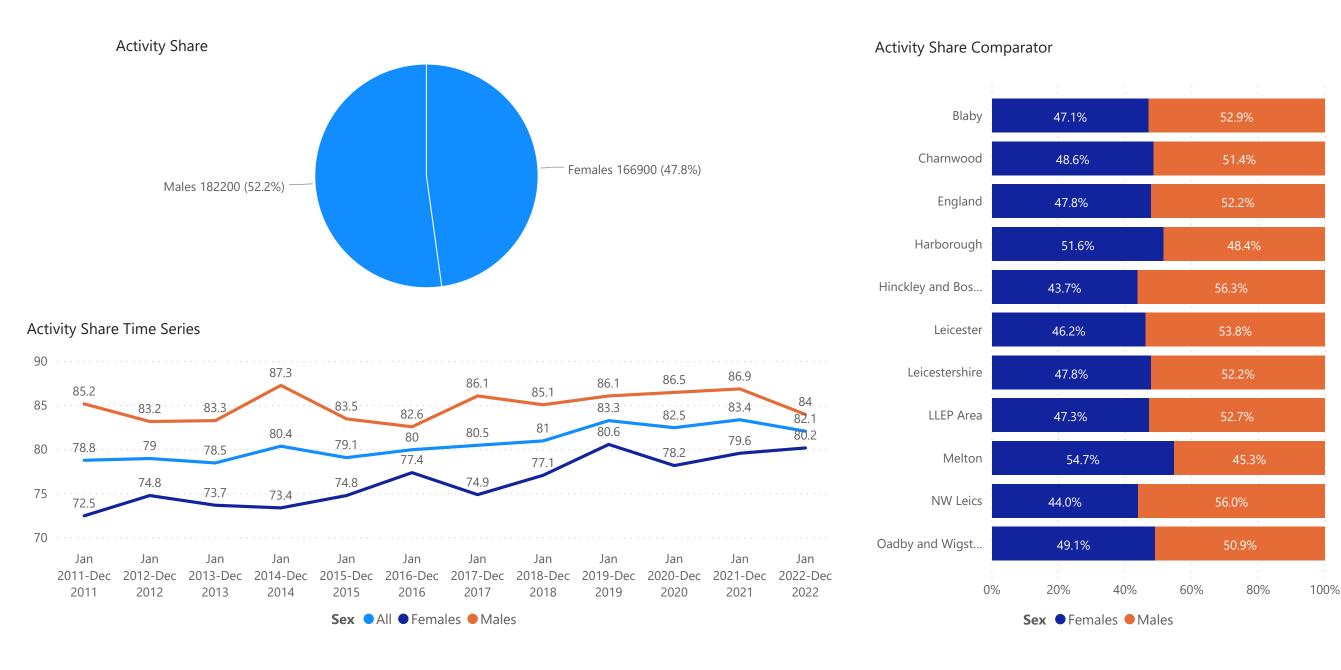
#### Activity Share (Leicestershire)



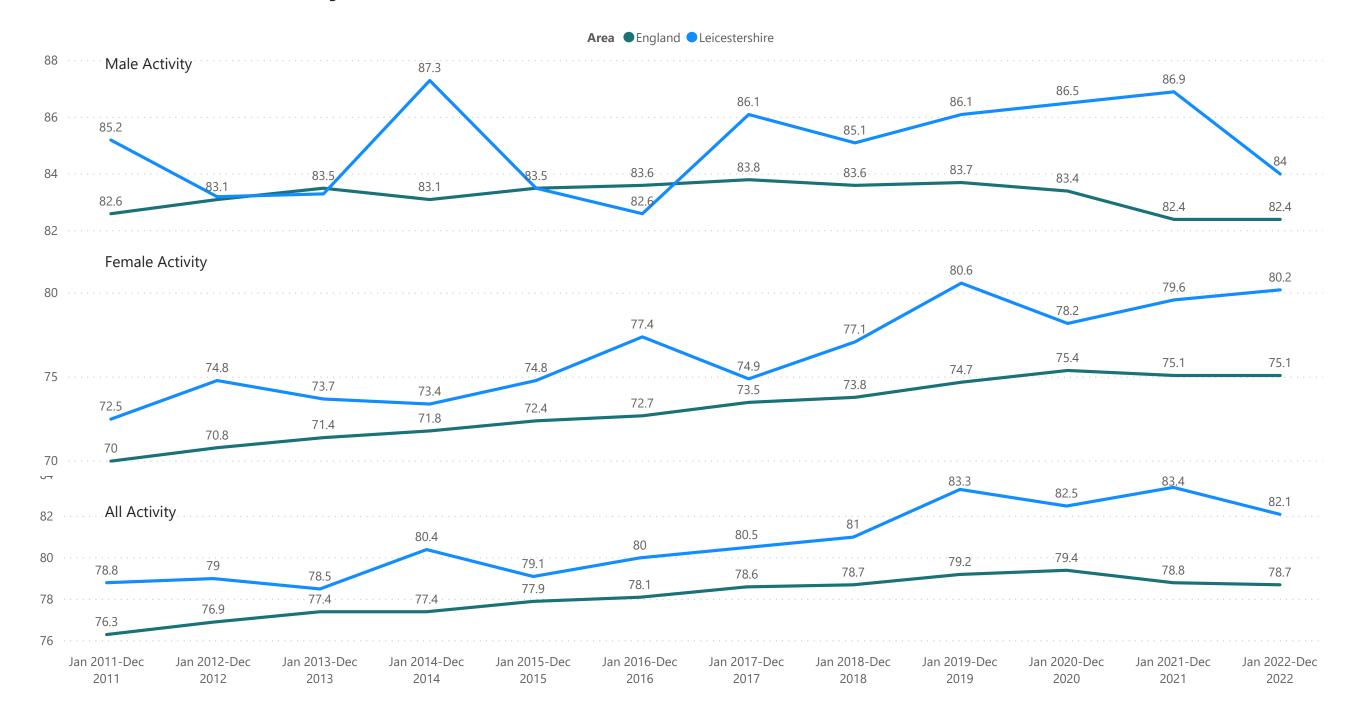
### **Economic Activity Sex**

Of the male working age population 84% (182,200) were economically active. Of the female working age population 80.2% (166,900) were active.

Fifty two point two percent of those who were economically active were male and 47.8% were female.



# **Economic Activity Sex**

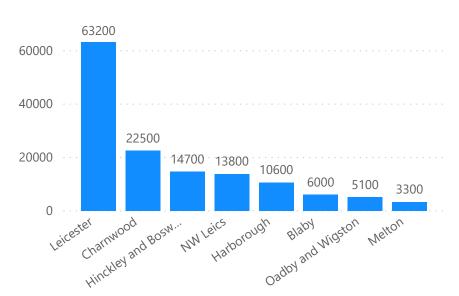


### **Economic Inactivity**

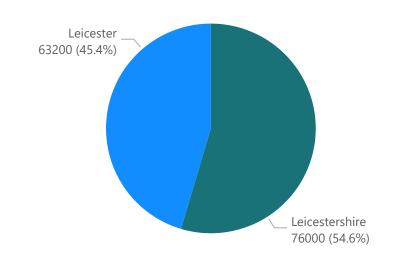
In the Leicestershire area 76,000 were economically inactive. This was 17.9% of those that were of working age. The average was 21.3%.

Of those that were of were economically inactive in the Leicester and Leicestershire area 54.6% lived in Leicestershire.

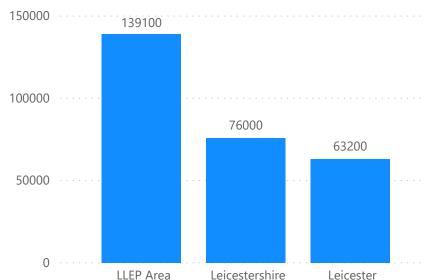
#### **Inactivity Numbers**



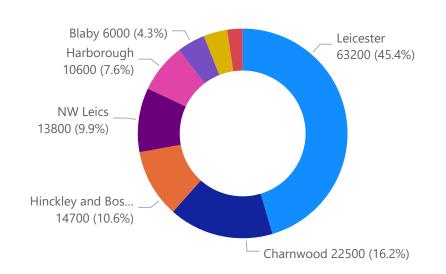
Inactivity LA Share



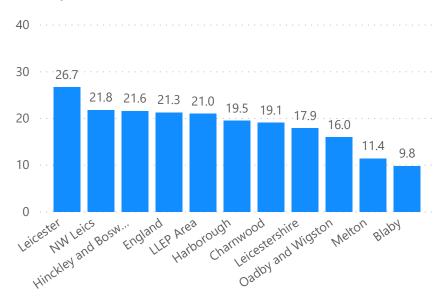
**Inactivity LA Numbers** 



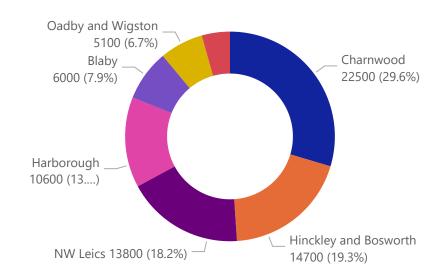
Inactivity Share (LLEP Area)



**Inactivity District Share** 



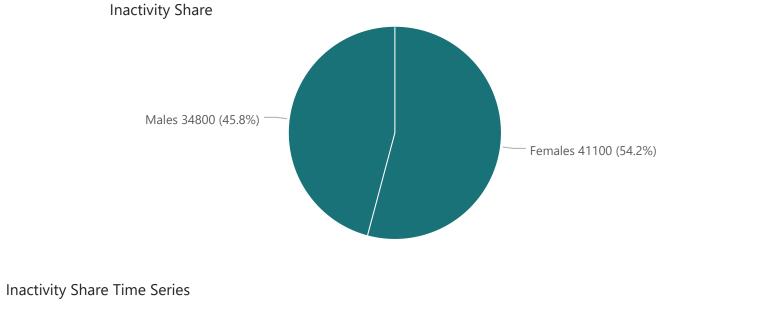
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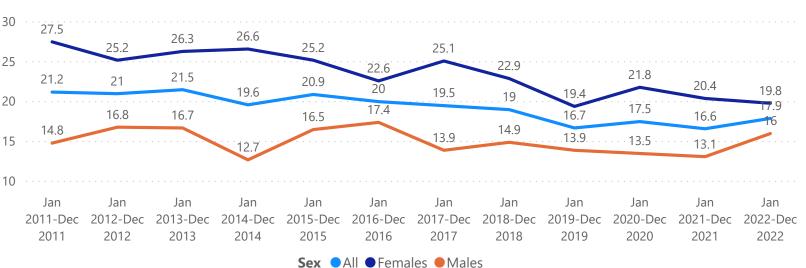


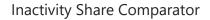
### **Economic Inactivity Sex**

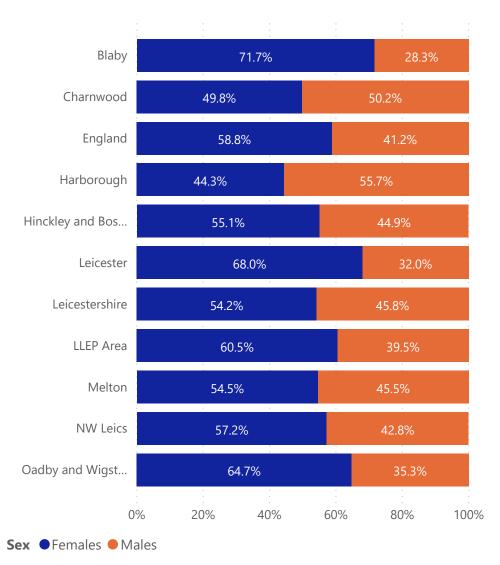
Of the male working age population 16% (34,800) were economically inactive. Of the female working age population 19.8% (41,100) were inactive.

Fifty four point two percent of those that were inactive were female and 45.8% male. The England average was 58.8% and 41.2%.

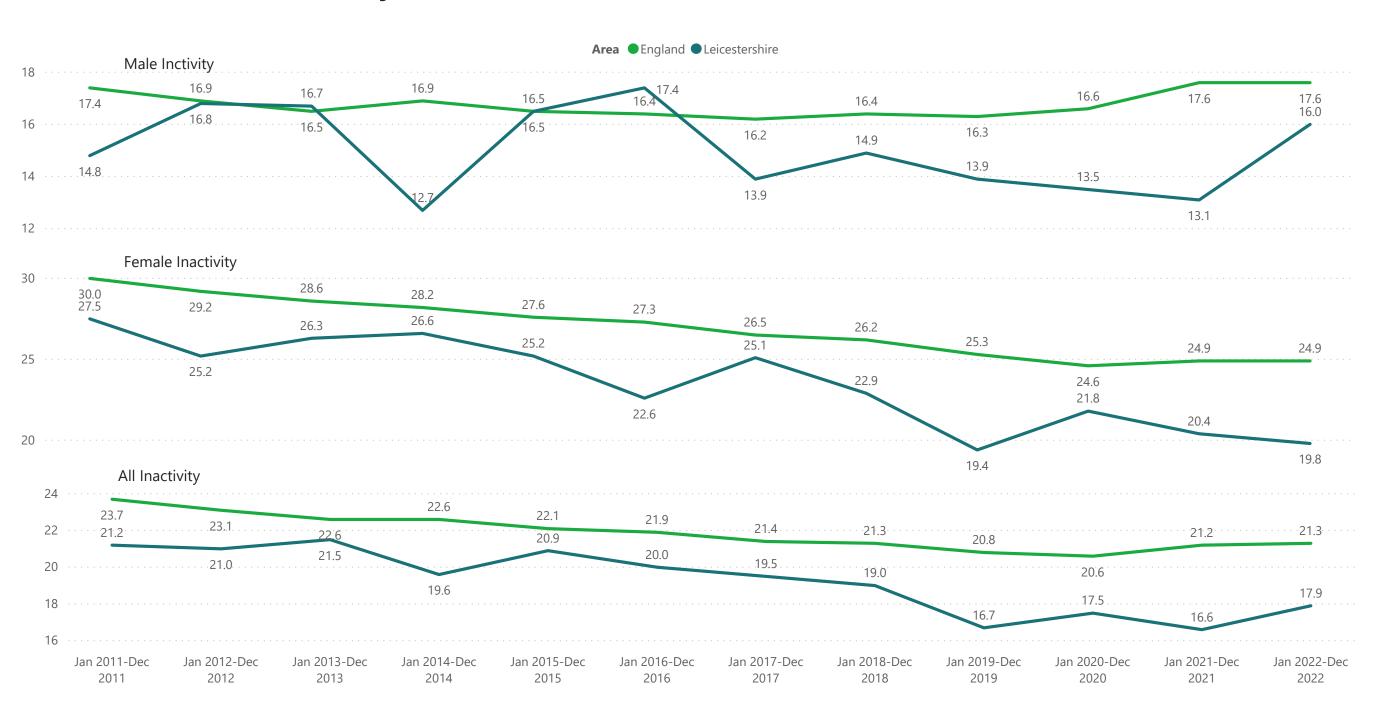






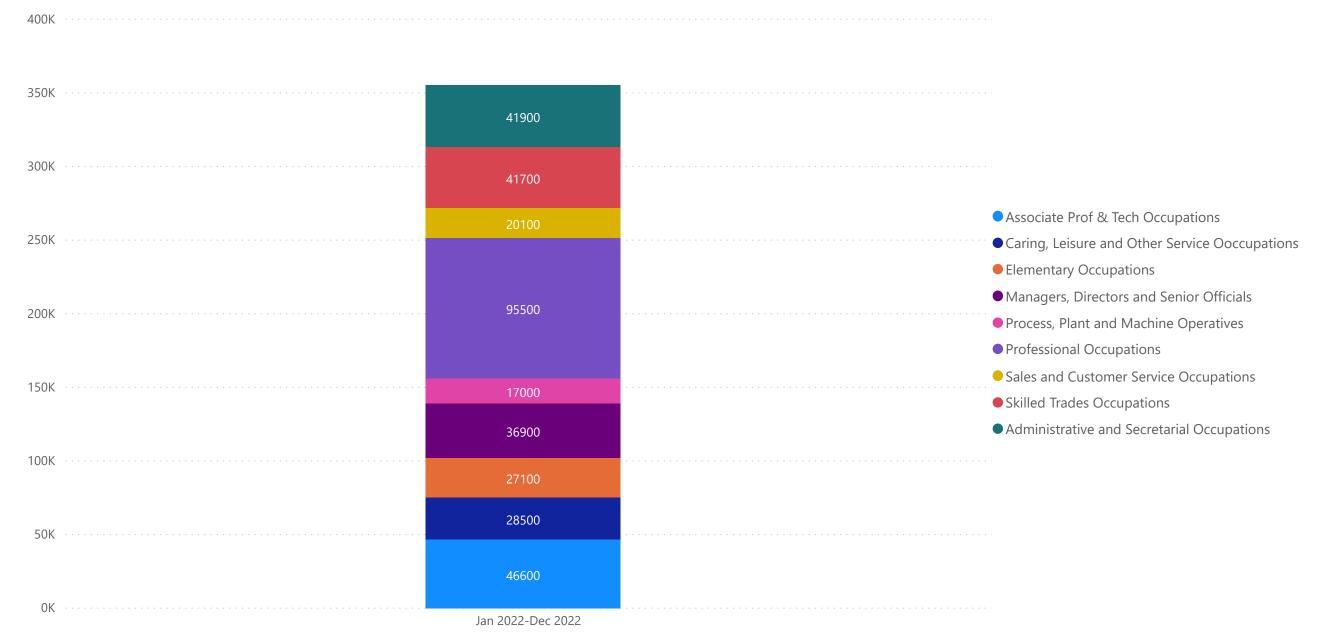


## **Economic Inactivity Sex**



## Job Type Occupation Numbers

With employment of 95,500 Professional is the largest of the broad occupation areas identified.



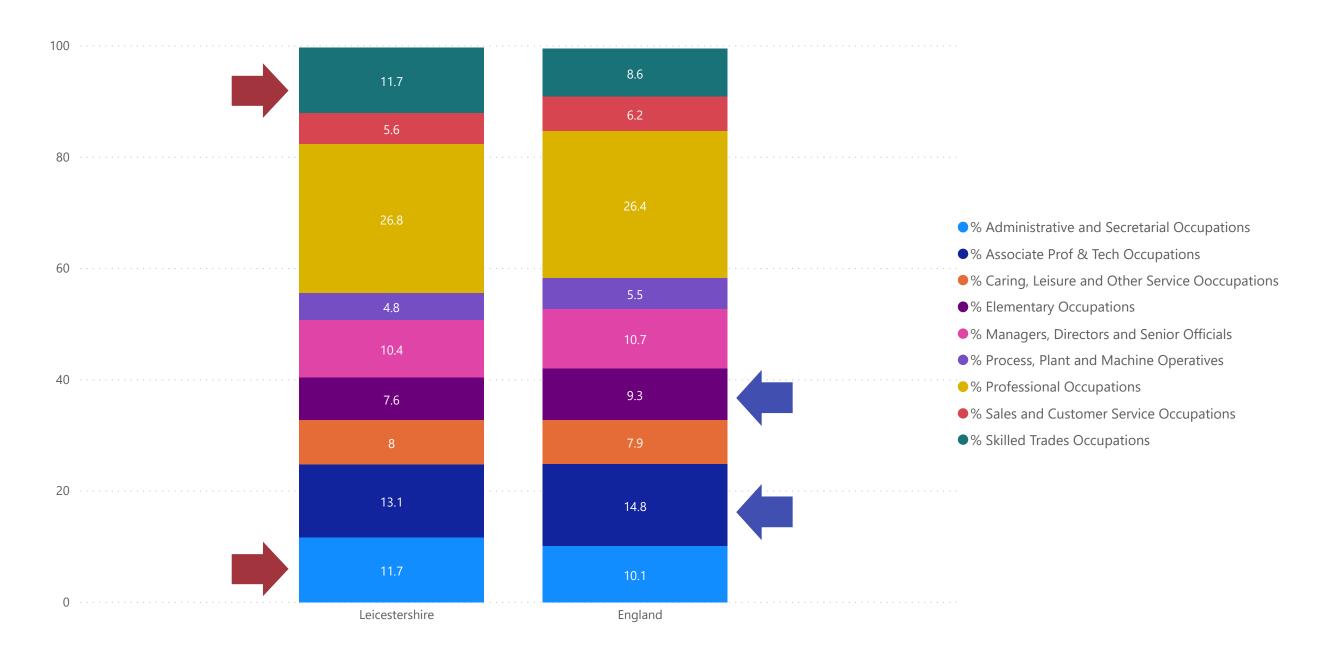
## Job Type Occupation Share

Of the broad occupation areas identified there were 5 with a 10% share or more of jobs.

With a share of 26.8% of all jobs Professional is the largest occupation area..

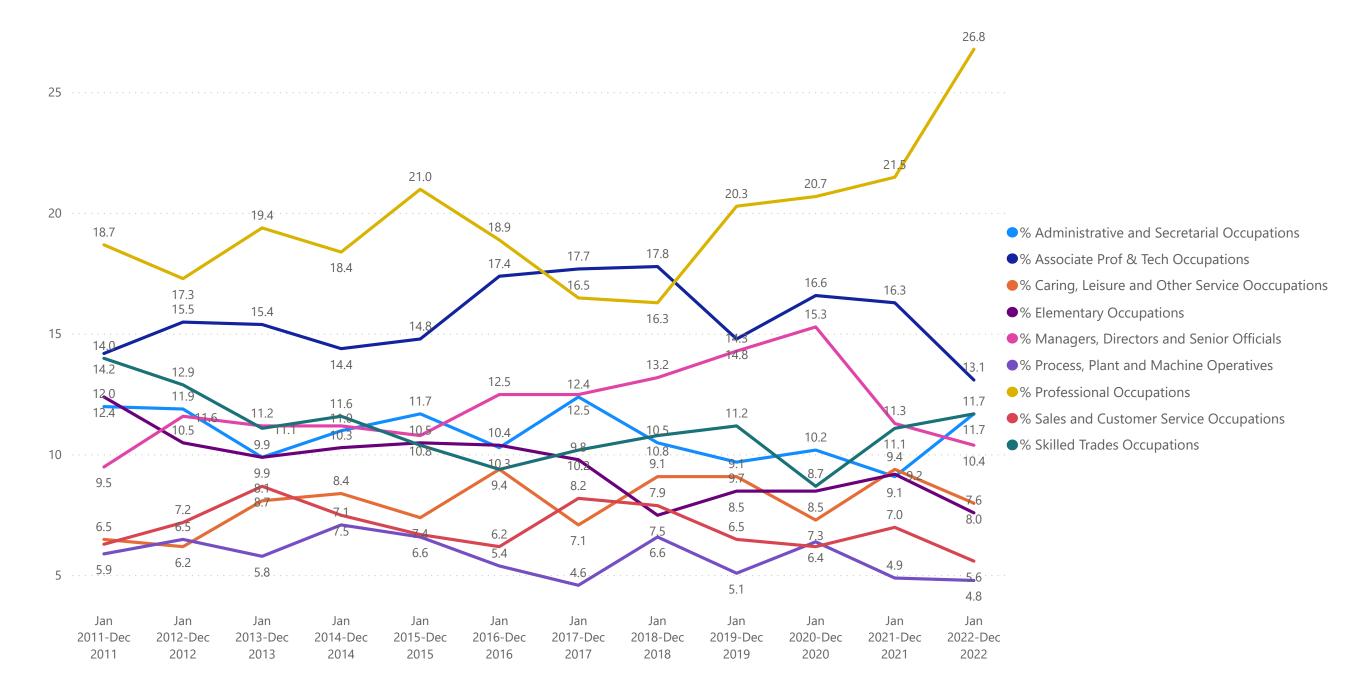
The Leicestershire area has on average a larger share of Skilled Tradea Administrative and Secretarial occupations.

There are on average fewer Elementary and Associate Professional and Technical Occupations.



### Job Type - Growth (2011 - 2022)

Professional occupations as a share of all occupations continues to be a significant contributor to the types of jobs seen in the area.



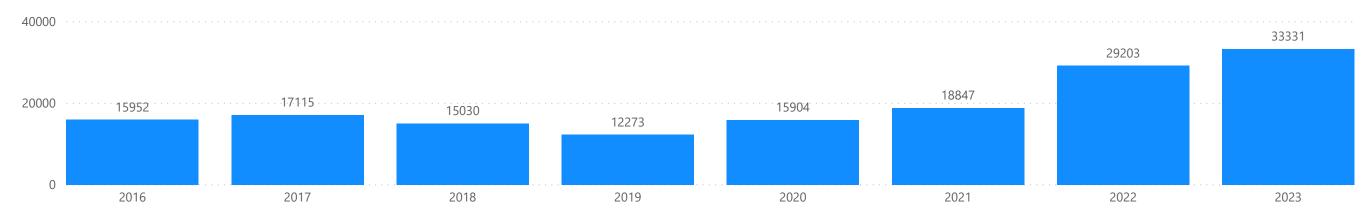
## Job Postings Year to Date

Job Postings Year to Date (June)

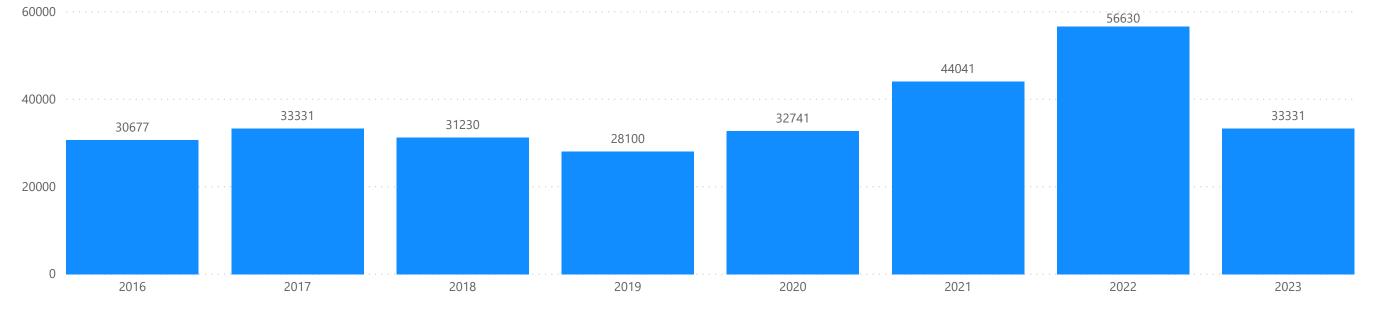
In 2023 there have been 33,331 unique job postings in the Leicestershire area (up to the end of June).

When the year to date figures for June 2023 are compared to those for June 2016, 2017 etc. figures for 2023 are considerably higher.

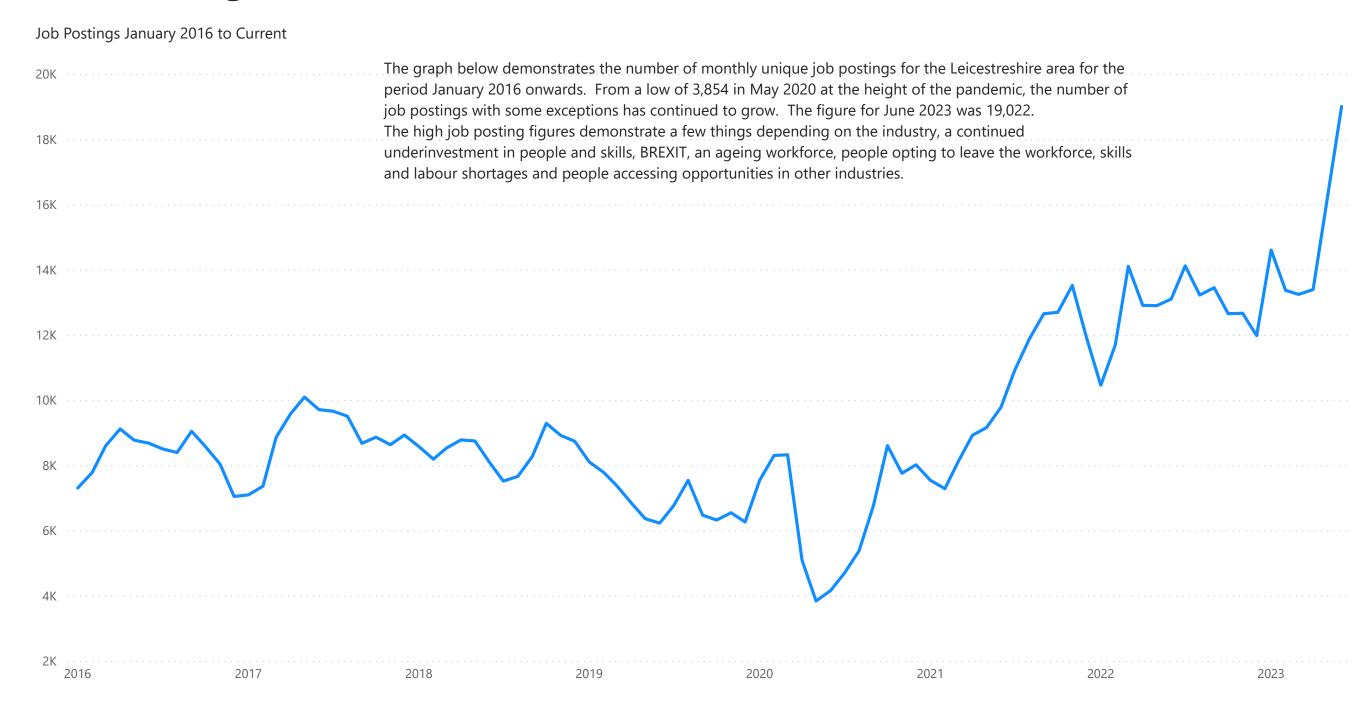
Over the year 2022 there were 56,630 unique job postings. This was higher than other years.



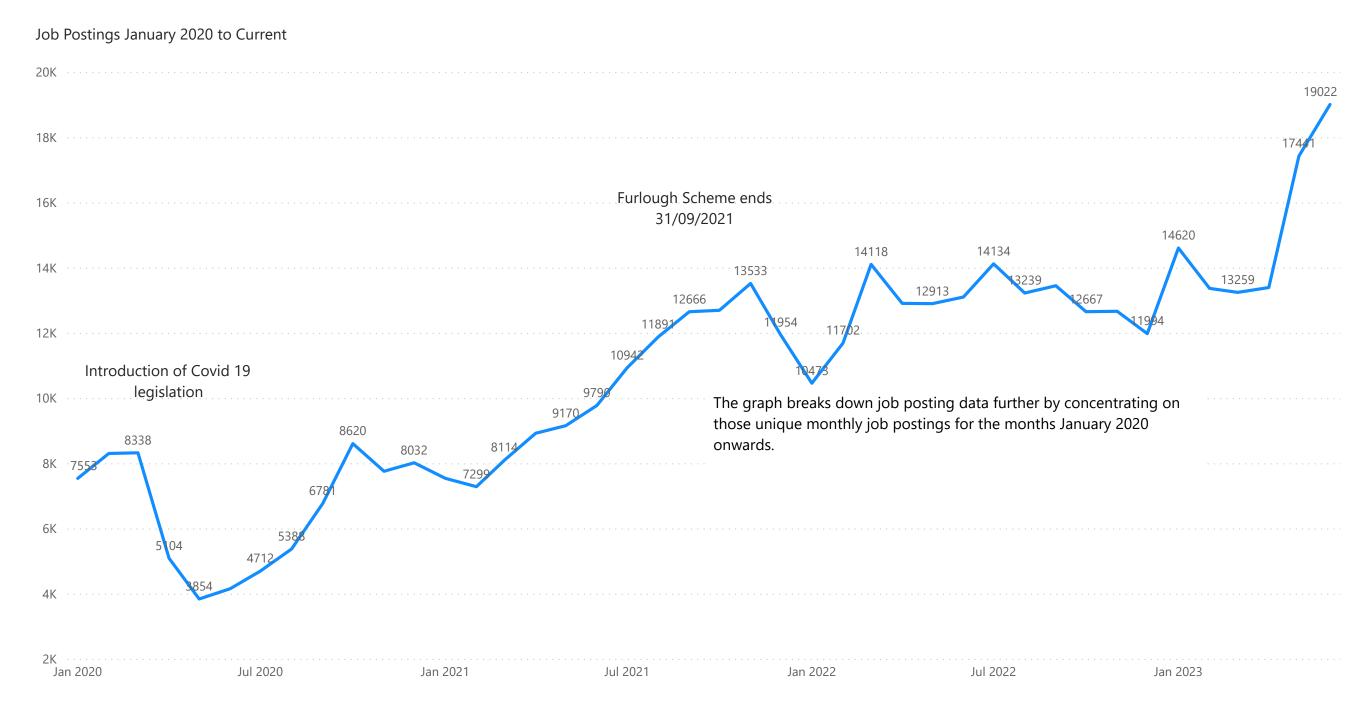
Job Postings Year to Date (Whole Year)



## Job Postings (2016 - 2023)

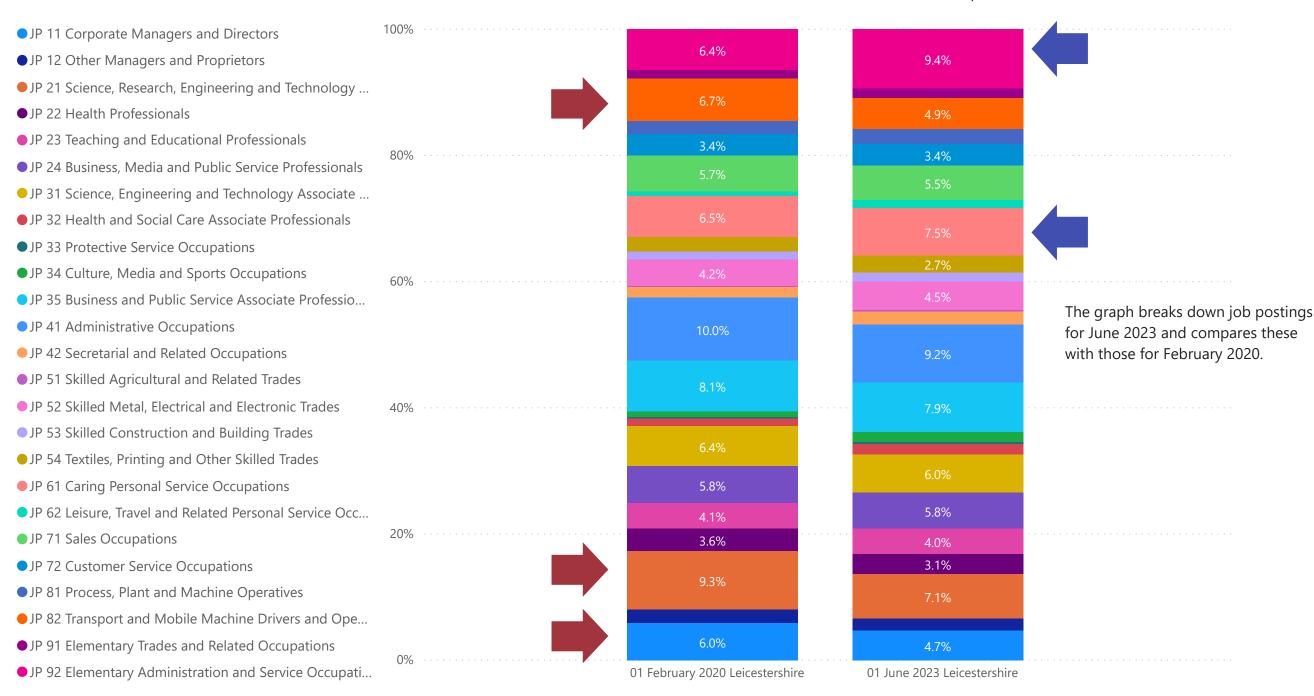


# Job Postings (2020 - 2023)



# Job Postings Comparator

#### Arrows demonstrate some differences between time periods



### Job Postings Monthly Geographic Comparator

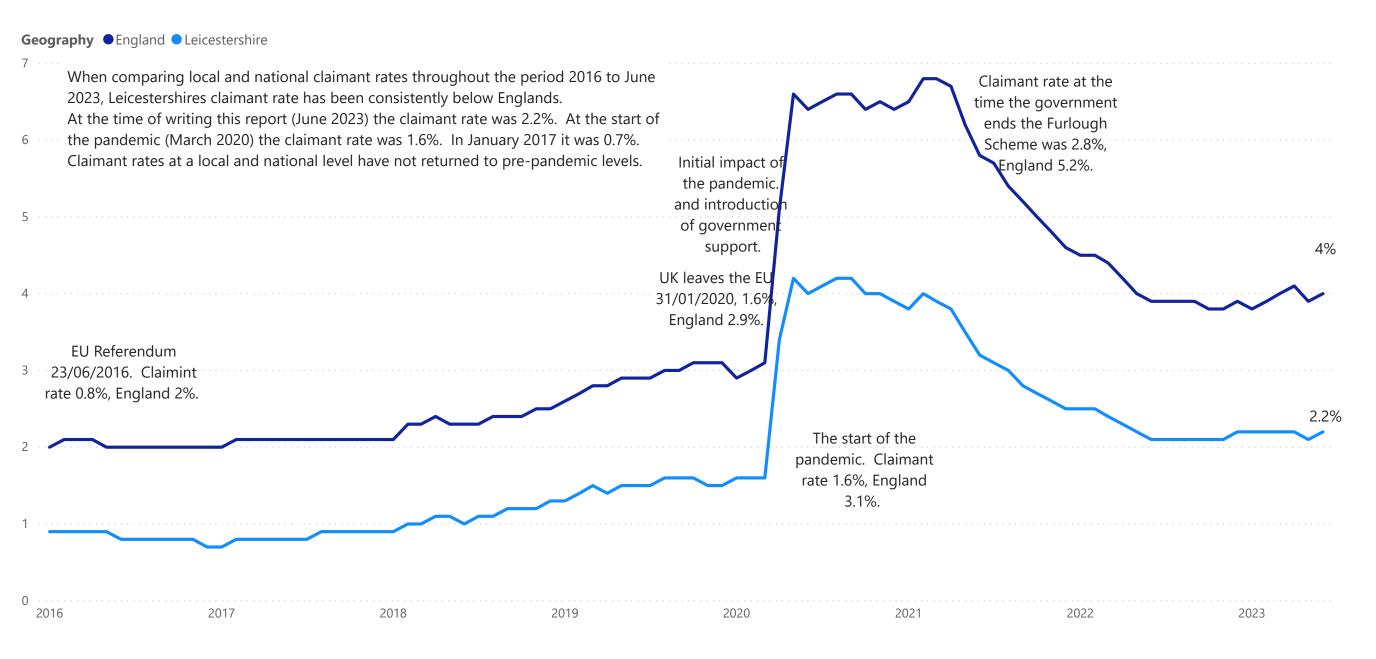


## Claimant History

#### Claimant Numbers The number of claimants at the time of the production of this report was 9,600. Claimant numbers with a few exceptions had continued to fall since March 2021. Numbers since July 2022 however, have been mixed. At the time of the introduction of government measures to tackle the pandemic, claimant numbers rose from 7,125 (March 2020) to 18,620, it's Initial impact of peak in August 2020. Claimants numbers at Prior to the pandemic there had been buiness uncertainty in relation to the the pandemic. the time the the UK leaving the EU. This was demonstrated when the number of claimants and introduction government ends the between November 2016 and March 2020 more than doubled (3,065 to of government Furlough Scheme 7,125). suppor 9,600 .UK leaves the EU 31/01/2020. Number of claimants for January 6,915. **EU Referendum** 23/06/2016. Claimants The start of the for June 3,560. pandemic. Number of claimants for March 3,065 7,125. 2016 2022 2018 2019 2020 2021 2023

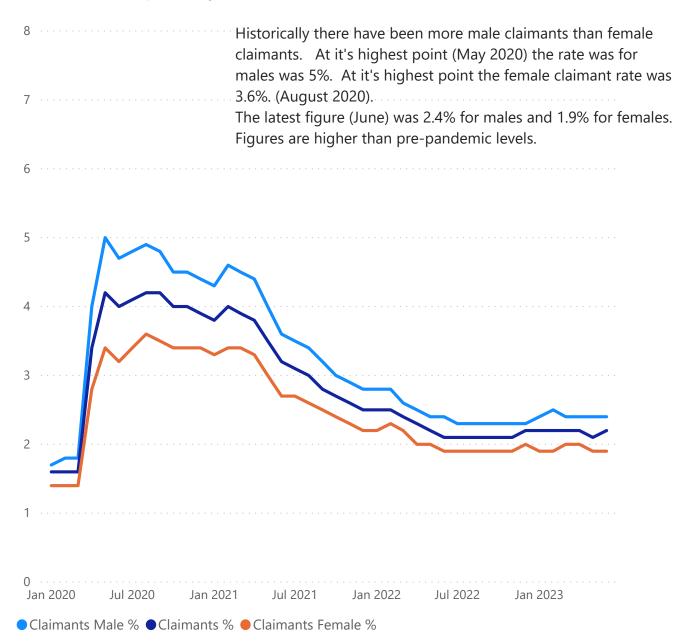
## Claimant History

Claimant Rate Comparator

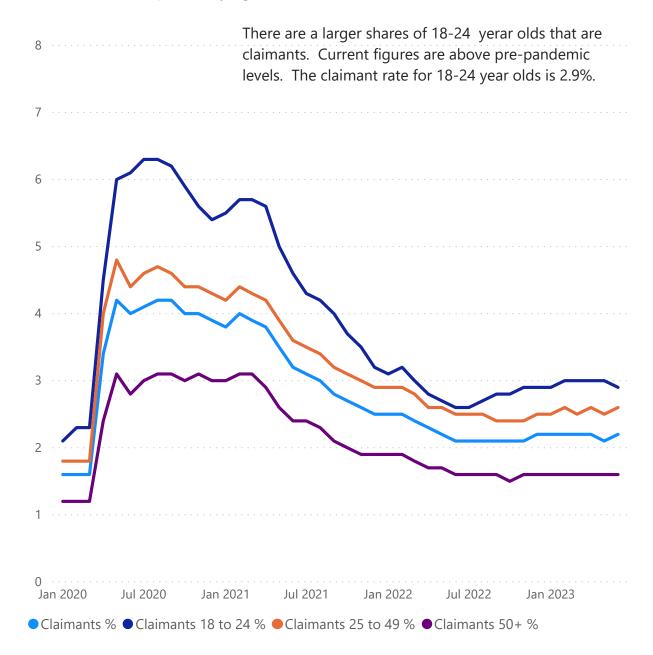


## Claimant History Comparator

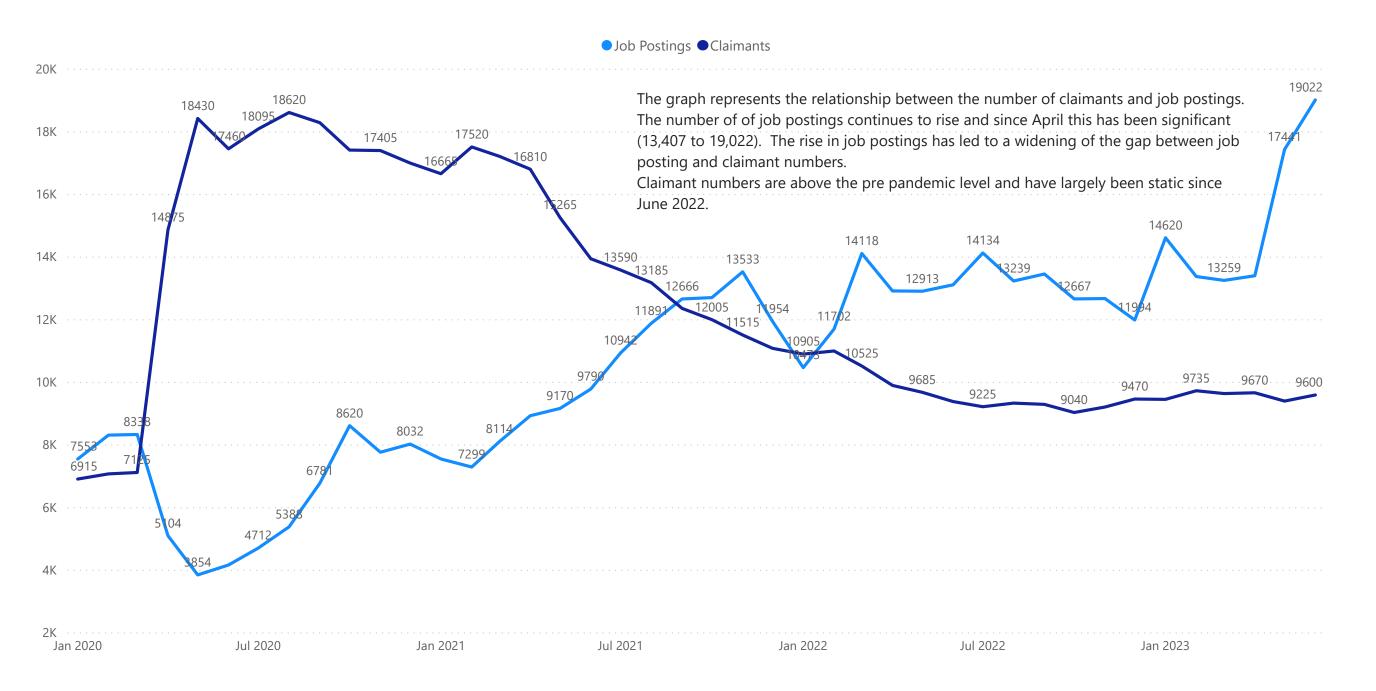




#### Claimant Rate Comparator by Age



## Claimant History Comparator



# Unemployment

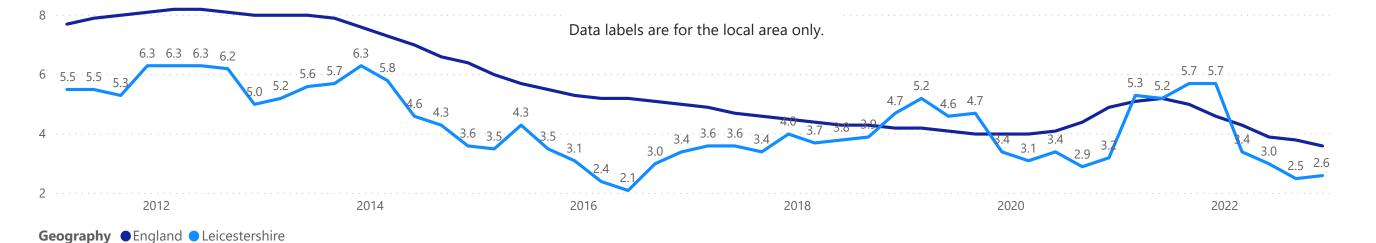
### **Unemployment Numbers**

The graphs demonstrates quarterly unemployment figures from 2011 to 2022. The latest figure is 9,400 (2.6%) (reporting quarter January 2022 to December 2022). Over the last year (from January 2021 to December 2021) unemployment has fallen from 5.7%. At a national level over the last year unemployment has fallen from 2.6% to 3.6%. Leicesteshire's unemployment rate is one percentage point lower than the national rate.



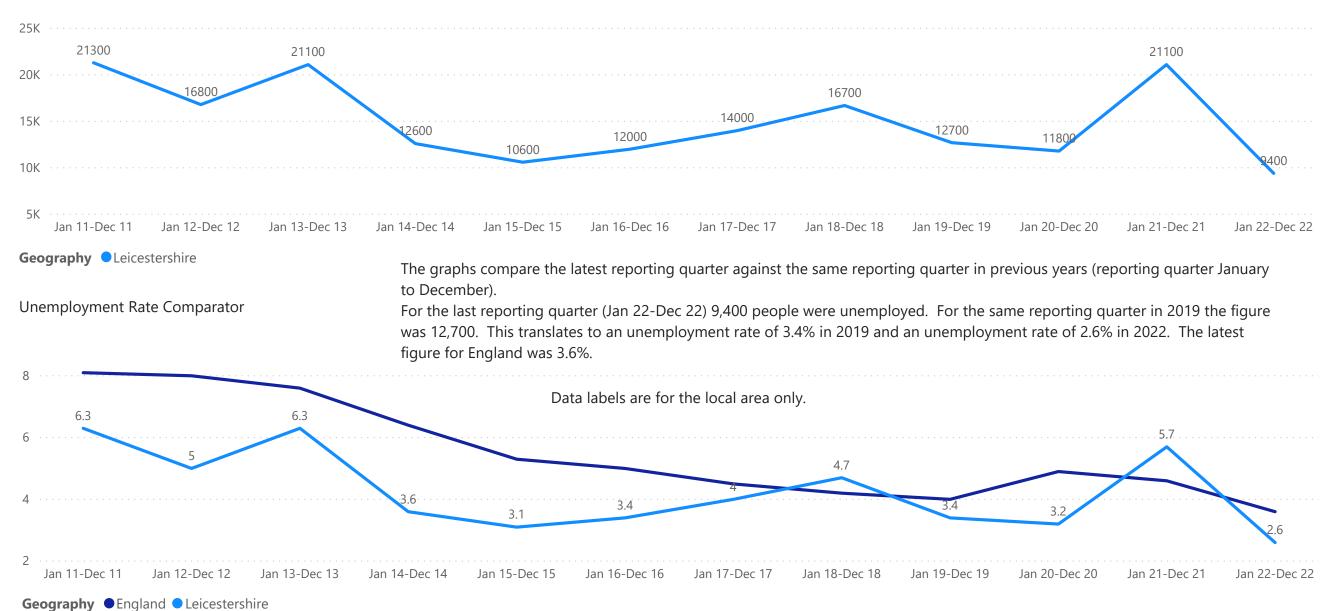
**Geography** • Leicestershire

**Unemployment Rate Comparator** 

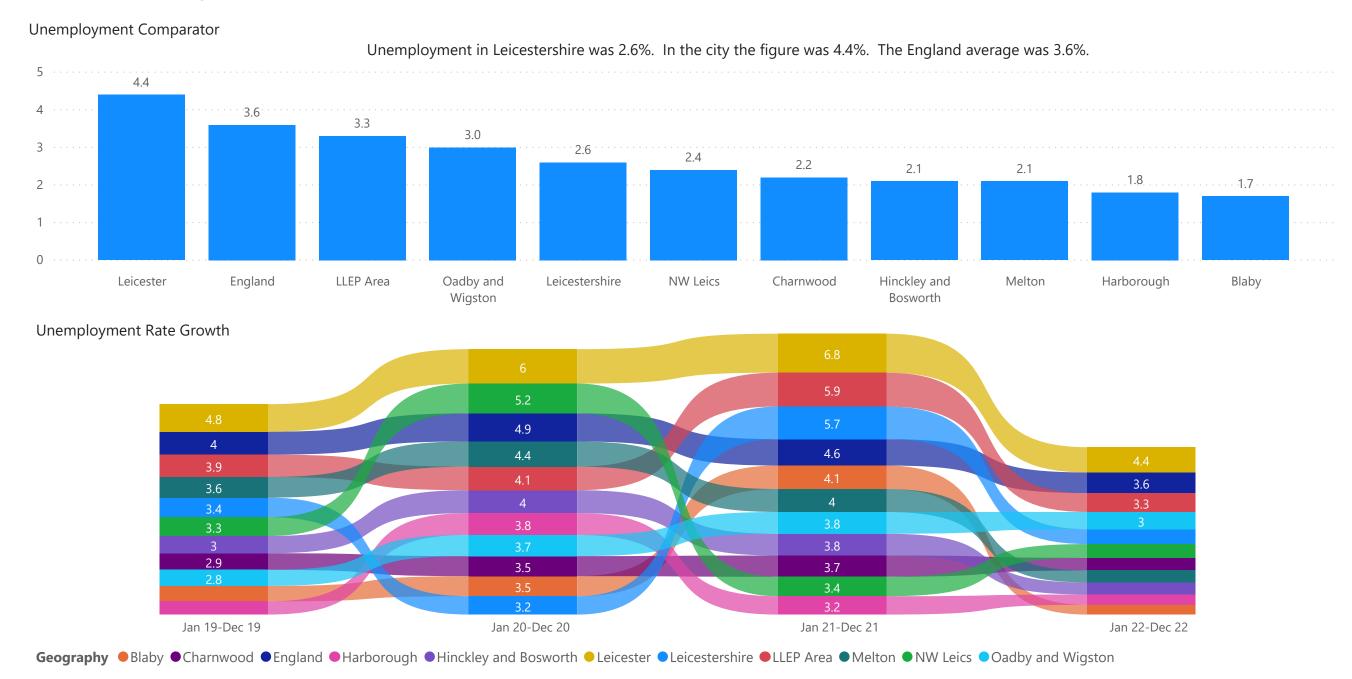


## Unemployment (Reporting Quarter Jan to Dec)





## **Unemployment Growth**

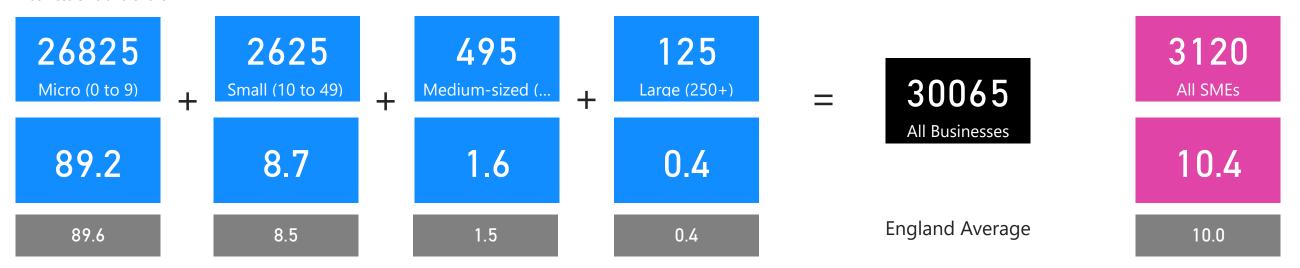


### **Business Size**

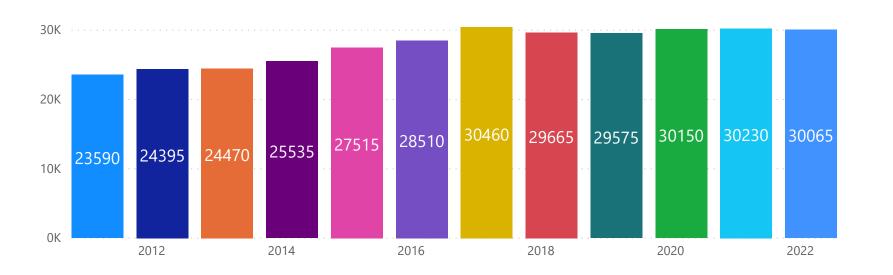
In 2022 there were 30,065 businesses. The majority of businesses in the area (89.2% or 26,825) were micro businesses (less than 10 staff). This is below the average (89.6%).

There were 2,625 (8.7%) small businesses, 495 (1.6%) medium and 125 (0.4%) large businesses. Combined small and medium sized (not micro) make up 3,120 (10.4%) businesses. The average is 10%.

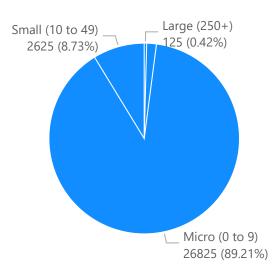
**Business Size and Share** 



#### **Business Numbers Time Series**



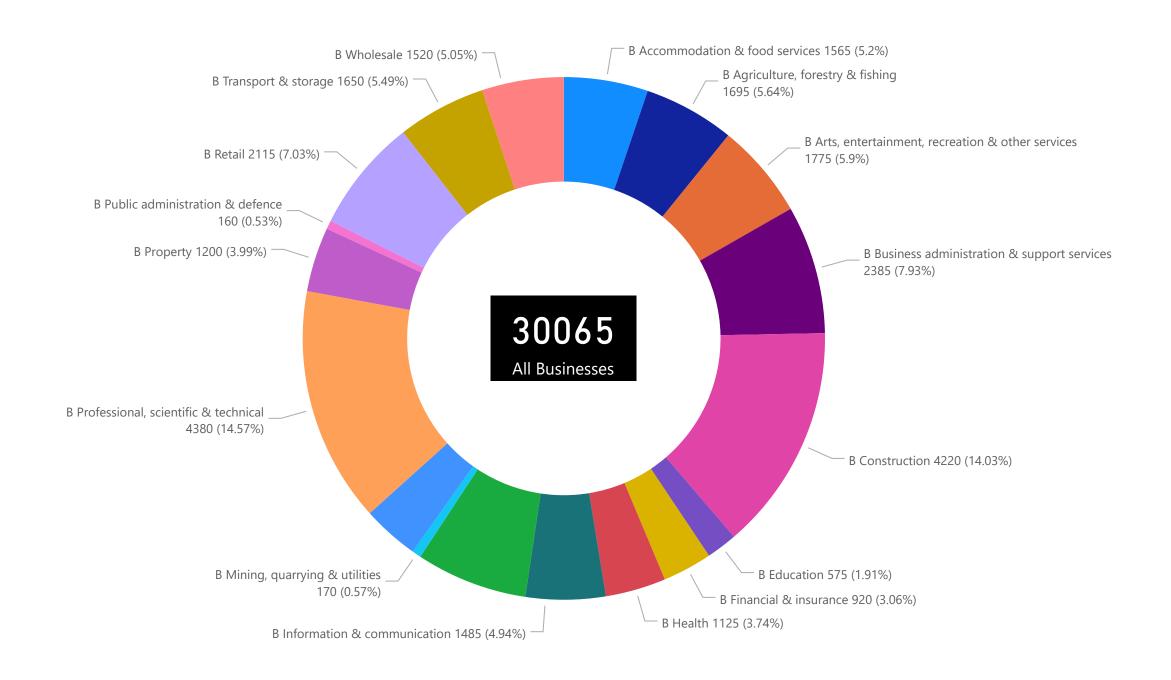
#### **Business Size and Share**



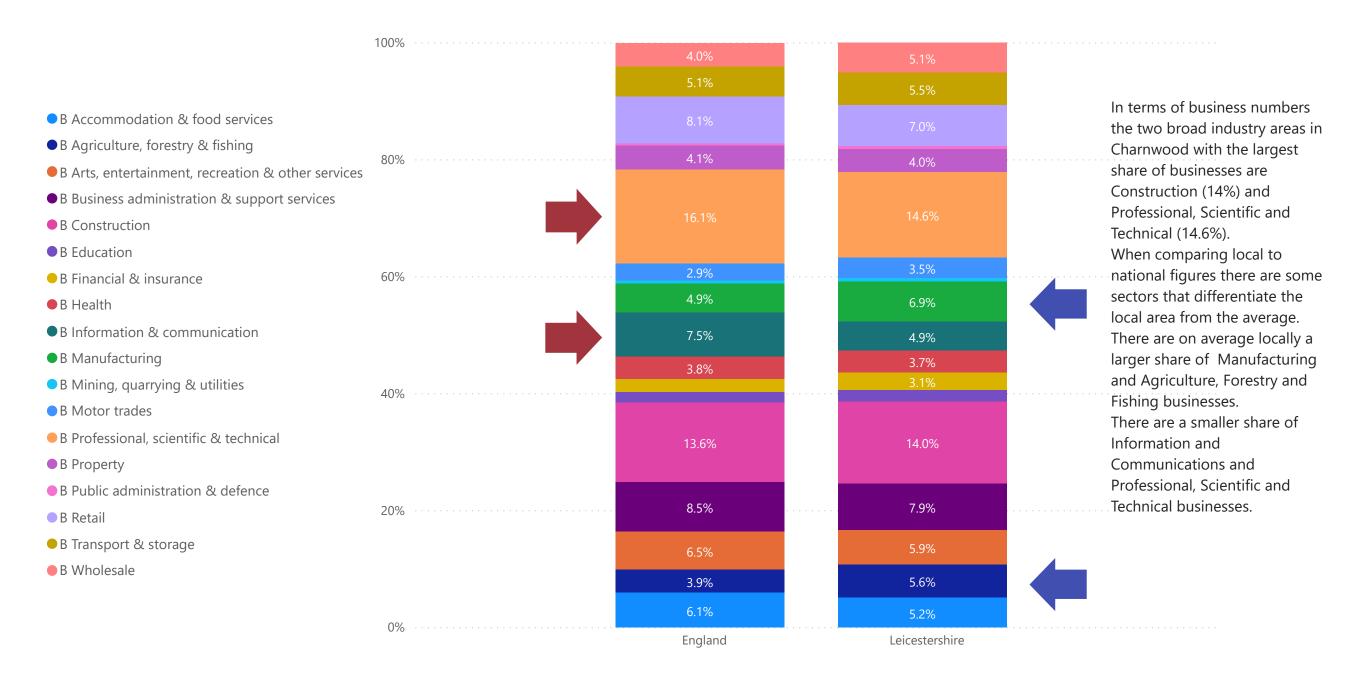
### Business Size Time Series (2011 to 2022)



### **Business Structure 2022**

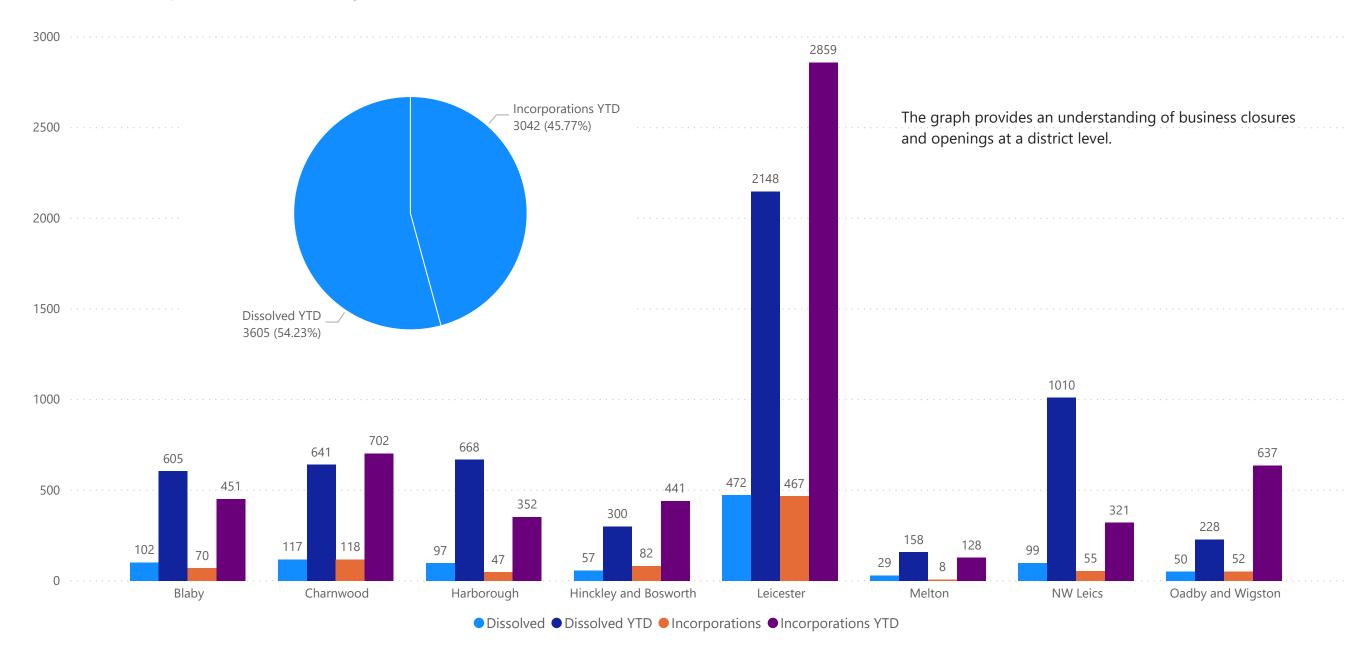


### Business Sector Share 2022 Comparator



### Dissolved & Incorporated Businesses

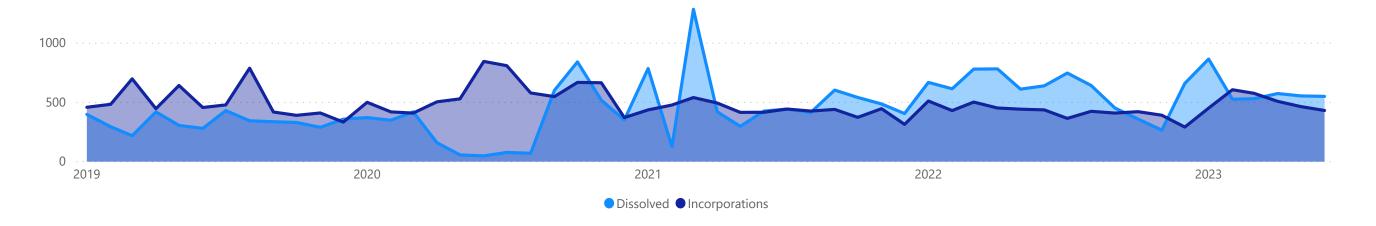
Dissolved and Incorporated Businesses Monthly and YTD



### Dissolved & Incorporated Businesses

Traditionally and as demonstrated in the graphs below, the number of business incorporations has been been larger than business closures. Recently there have been exceptions to this. In 2021, 2022 and 2023 there have been more closures than incorporations.

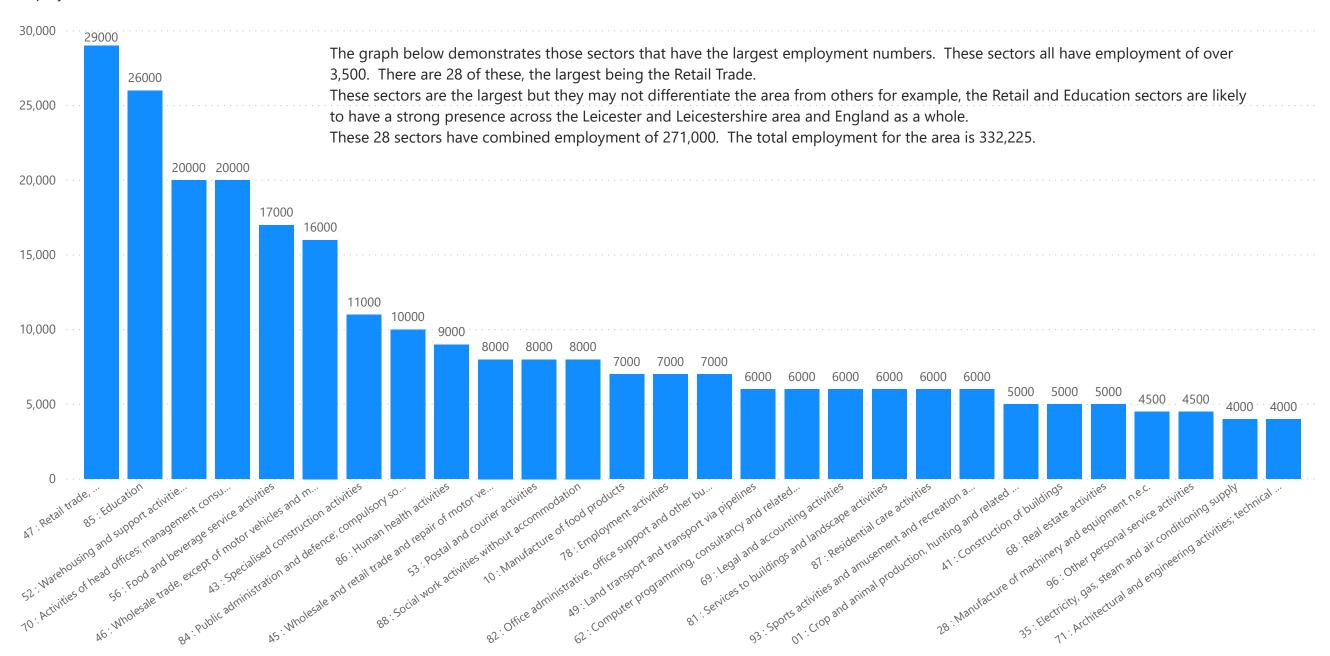
### Dissolved and Incorporated Monthly Businesses



#### Dissolved and Incorporated Businesses Year to Date



#### **Employment Numbers**



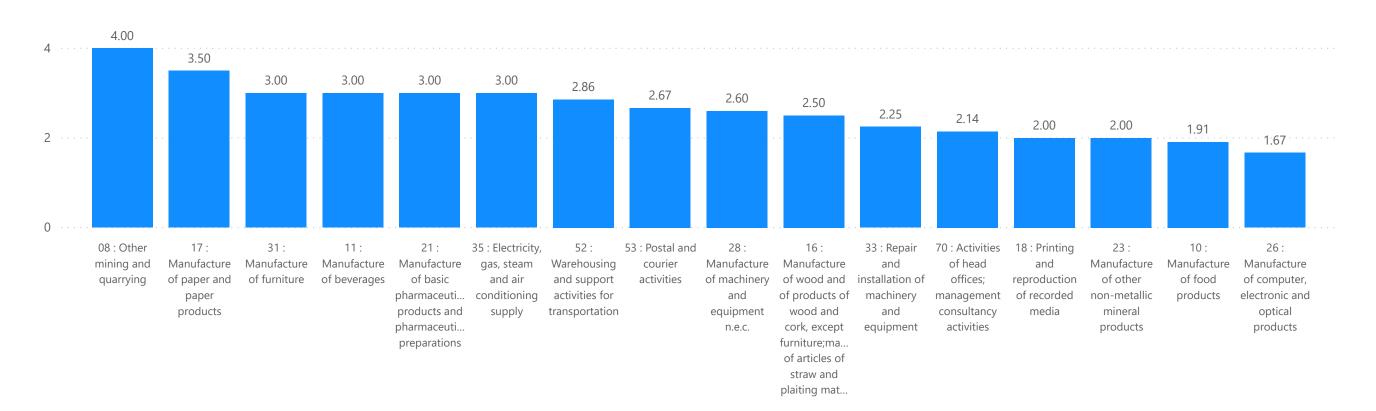
#### **Employment Location Quotients**

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Using location quotients (LQ) based on each sectors employment share, the graph demonstrates what parts of the local industrial structure differentiate it from others. Those sectors with a LQ greater than or equal to 1.5 are shown.

In the case of the sectors that differentiate the area there are 16 that have a location quotient equal or greater than 1.5. The largest of these is Other Mining and Quarrying.

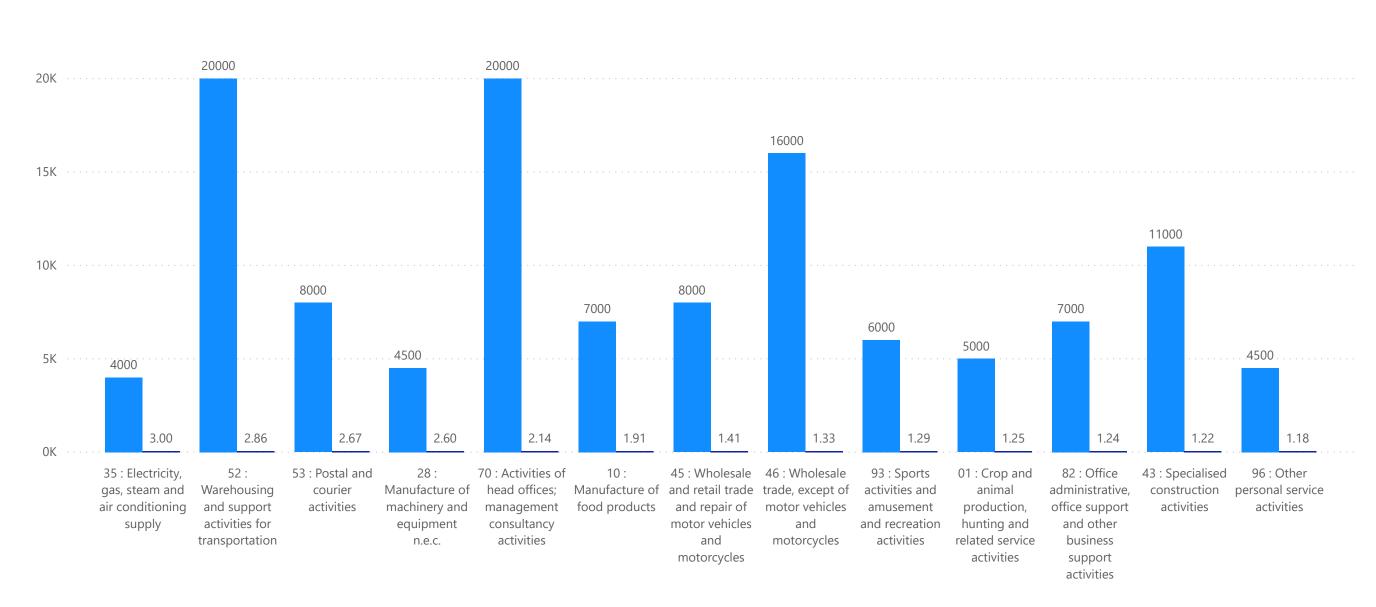
It is generally accepted that a location quotient of 1.5 or more demonstrates a local speciality (this can be a postive or negative for an area).



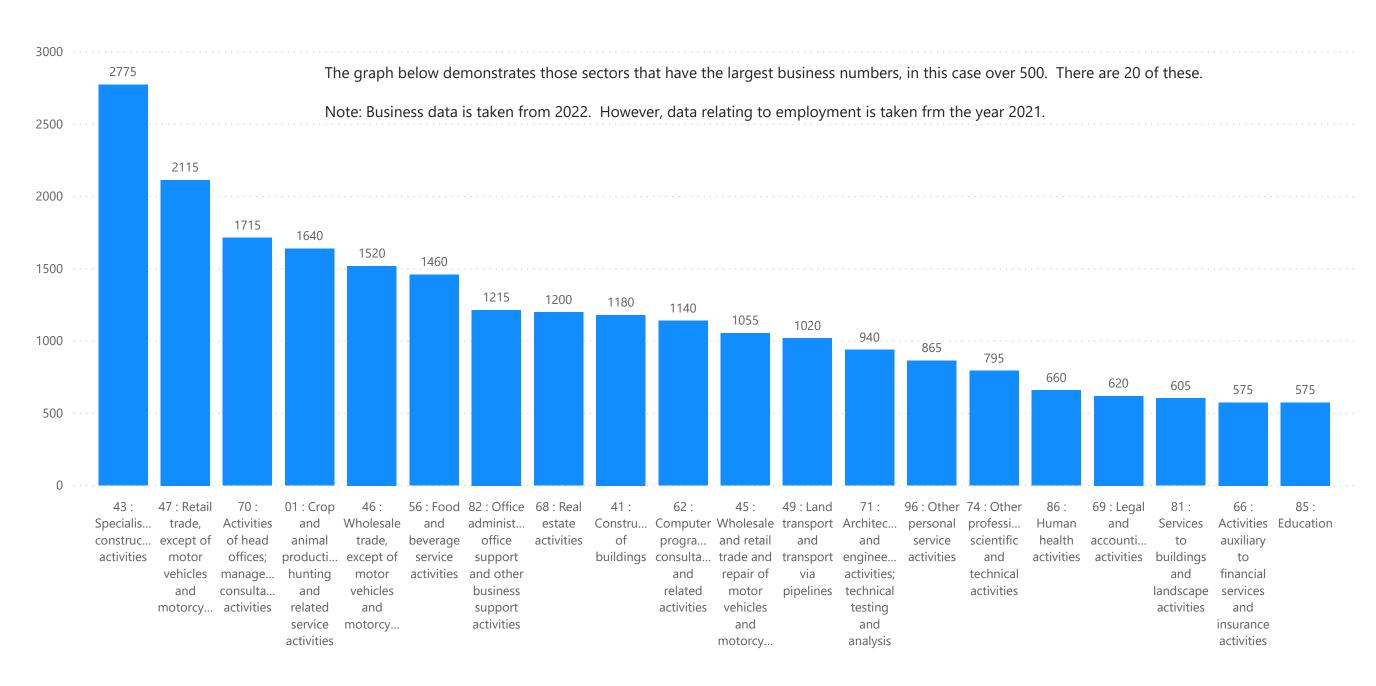
**Employment and Location Quotient** 

● Employment LQ

The graph below demonstrates those sectors that have employment of over 3,500 and a location quotient of over 1. There are 13 of these.



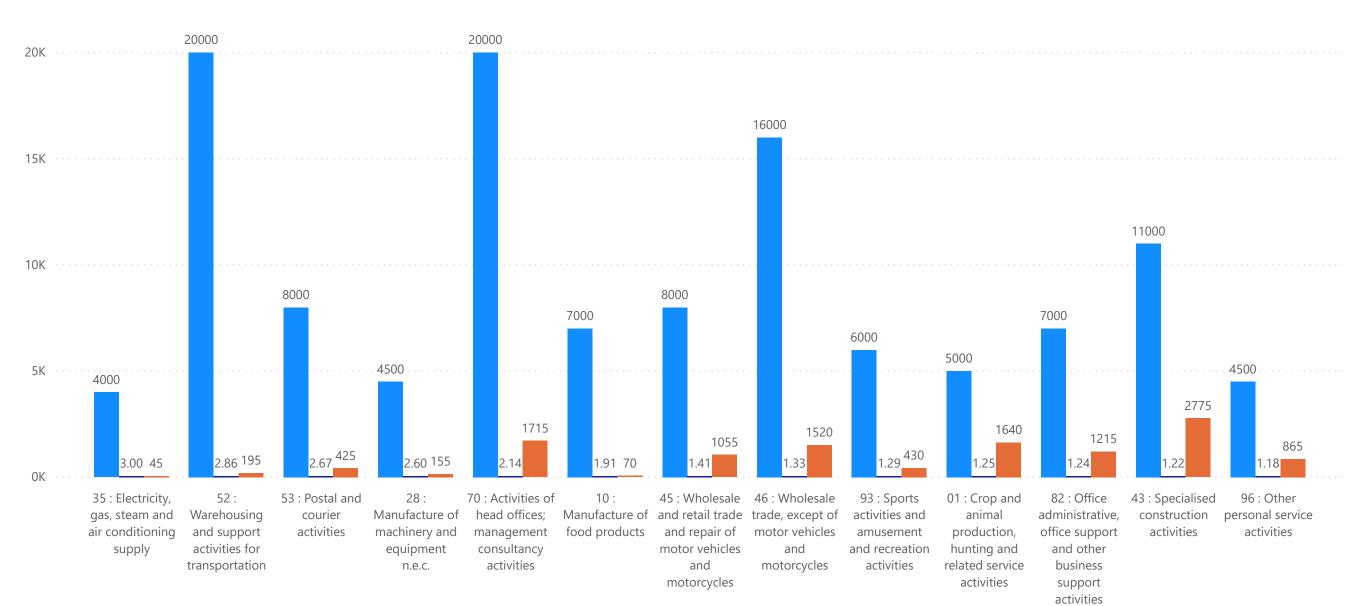
#### **Businesses**



**Employment, Location Quotients and Businesses** 

● Employment LQ ● Businesses

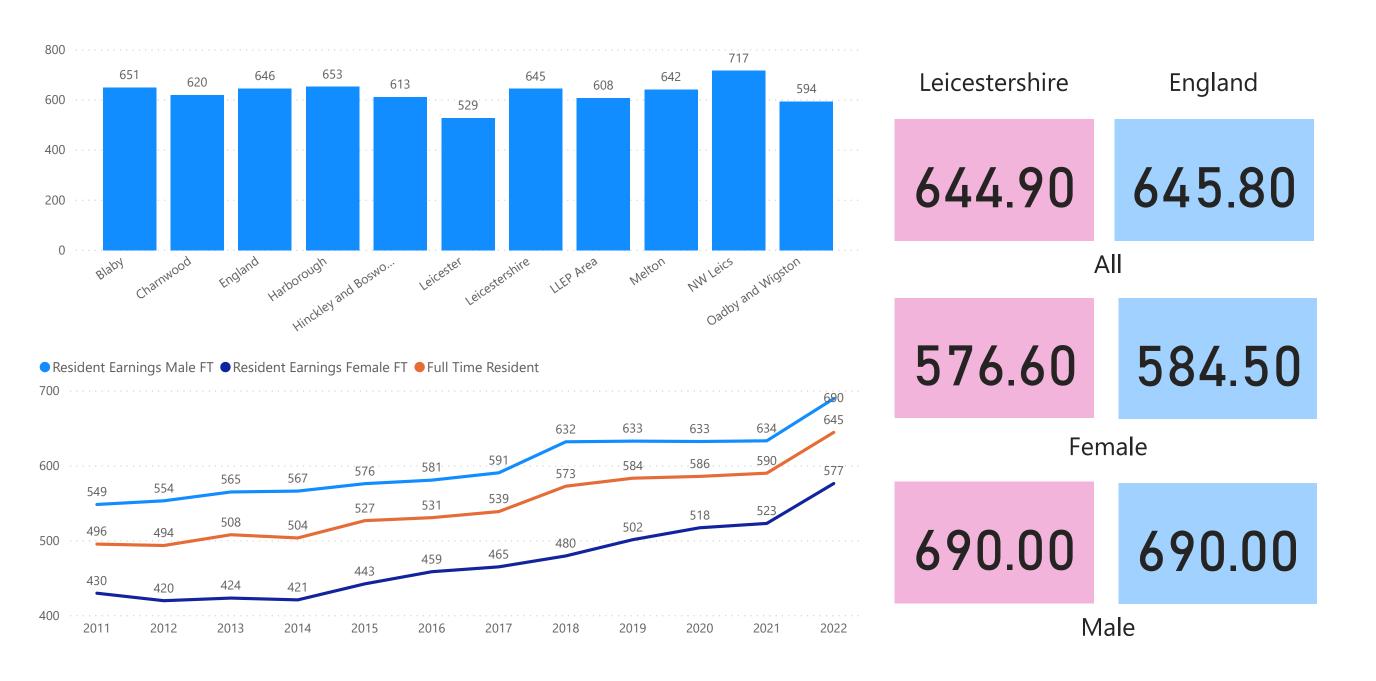
The graph below demonstrates those sectors that have employment of over 3,500 and a location quotient of over 1. There are 11 of these. It also demonstrates the number of businesses for each sector identified.



# Other

### Resident Earnings

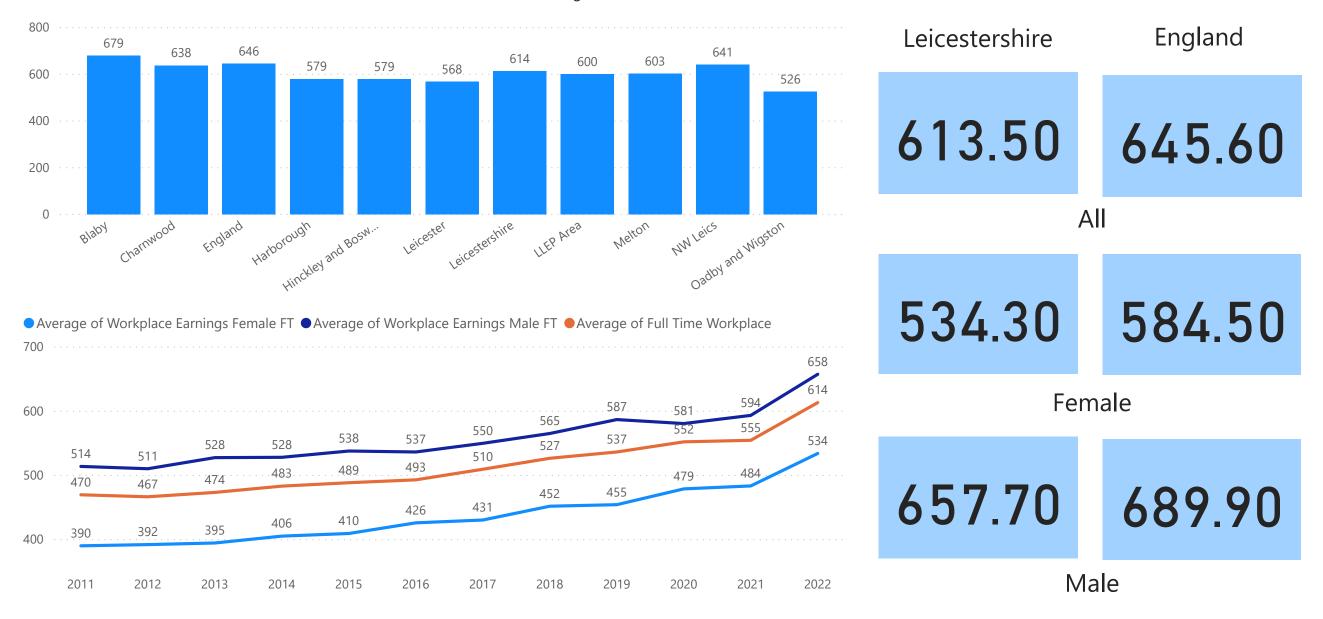
Median resident earnings in the Leicestershire area are £644.90. Male resident earnings in the area are £690. Male resident earnings are higher than female resident earnings (£576.60).



### Workplace Earnings

Median workplace earnings in the Leicestershire area are £613.50 (resident earnings £644.90). This is below the average of £645.60.

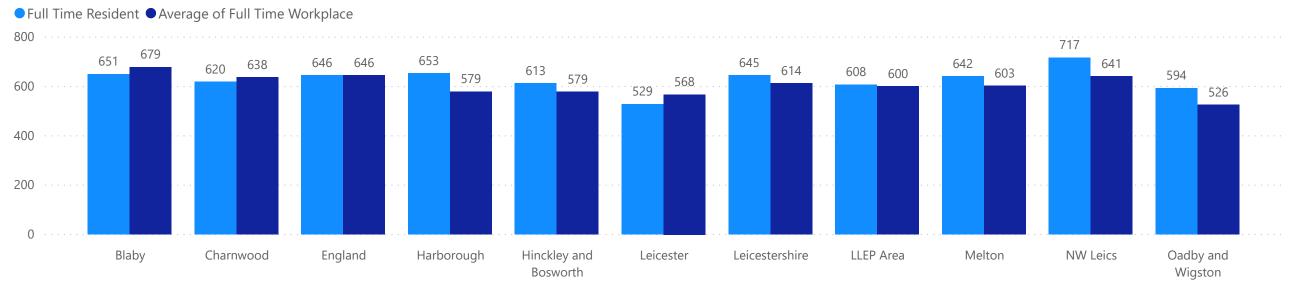
Male workplace earnings in the area are £657.70 (resident earnings £690), again this is lower than average (£689.90). Male workplace earnings are higher than female workplace earnings (£534.30). Female workplace earnings in Leicestershire are also lower than average (£584.50).



## Resident & Workplace Earnings

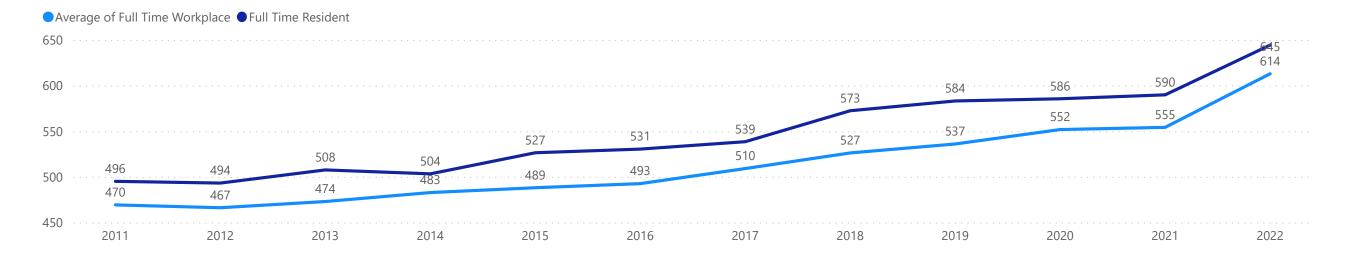
Geographic Resident and Workplace Earnings

The graph below demonstrates resident and workplace earnings and compares these against other areas locally and also with the national average.



Resident and Workplace Earnings

The graph below demonstrates Leicestershires resident and workplace earnings over the period 2011 to 2022.



### Qualifications

Leicestershire

England

Forty point seven percent of the working age population have a level 4+ qualification. This is below the England average. More people on average in the Leicestershire area have level 2+ and level 3+ qualifications.

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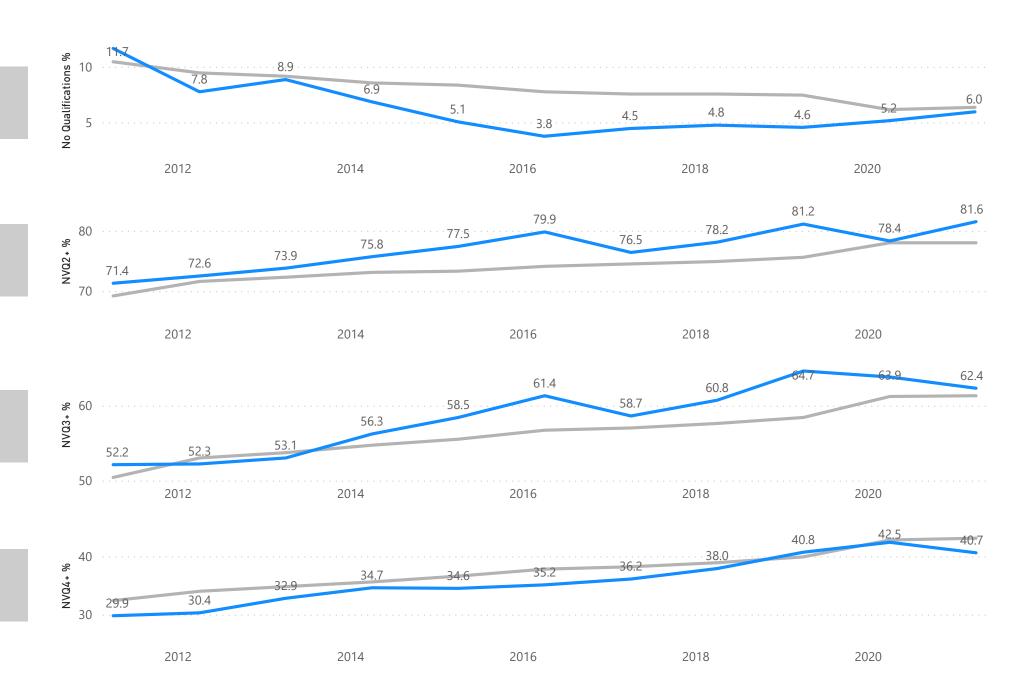
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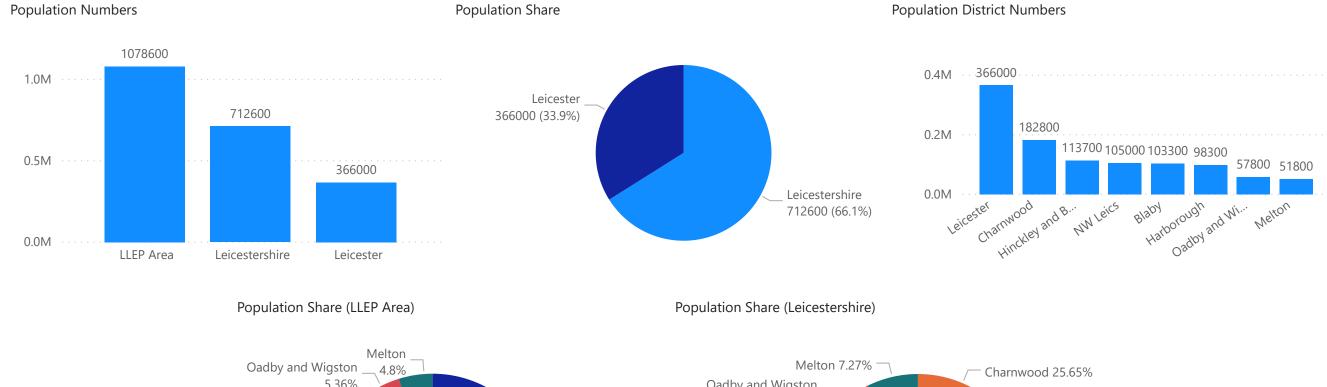
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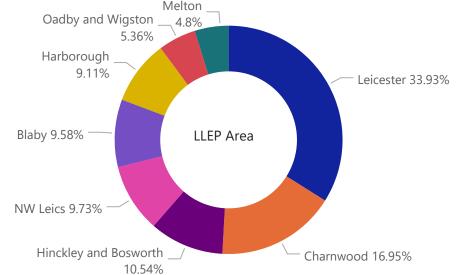
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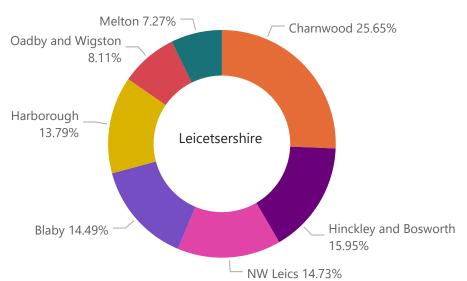
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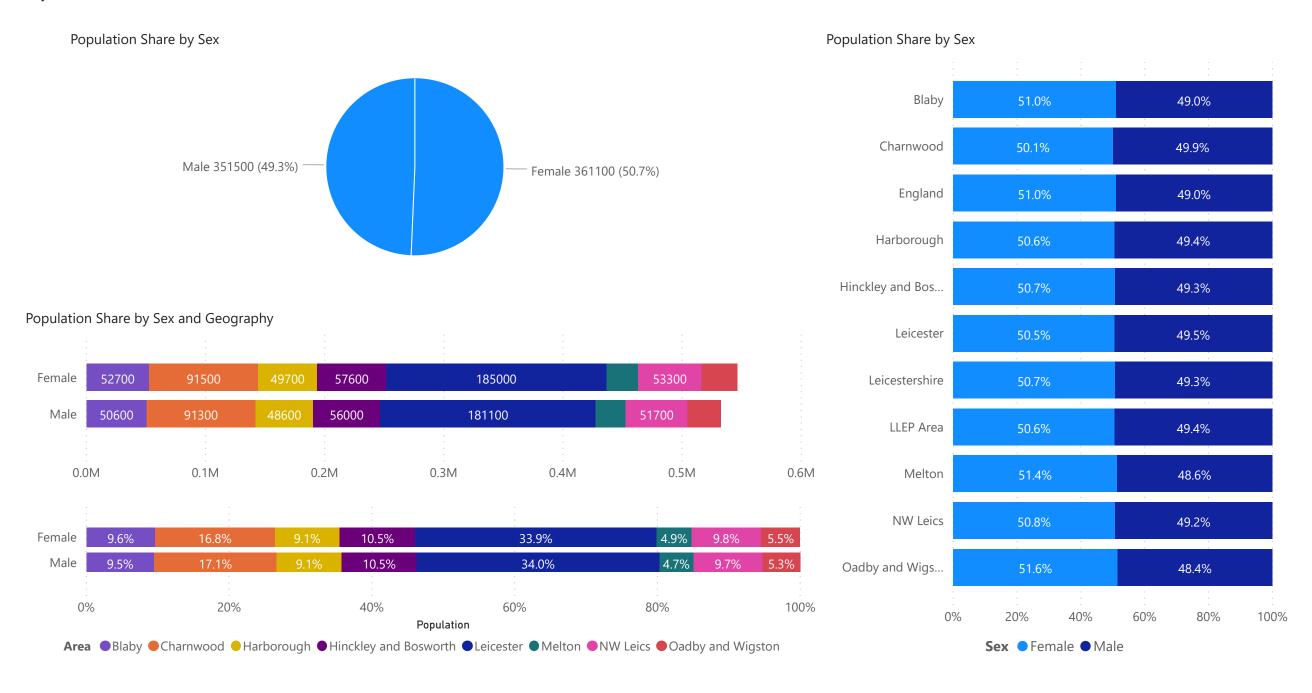
### Population





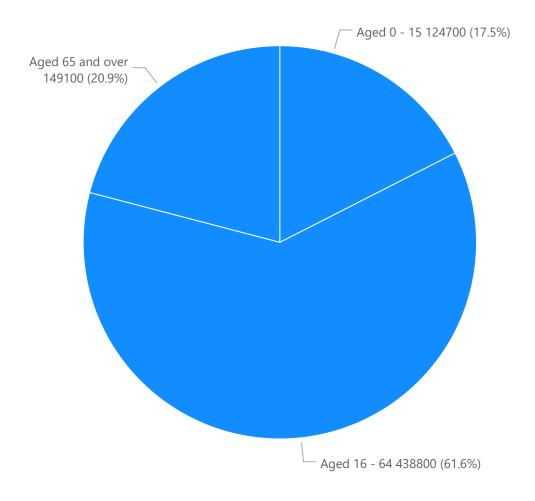


### Population Sex

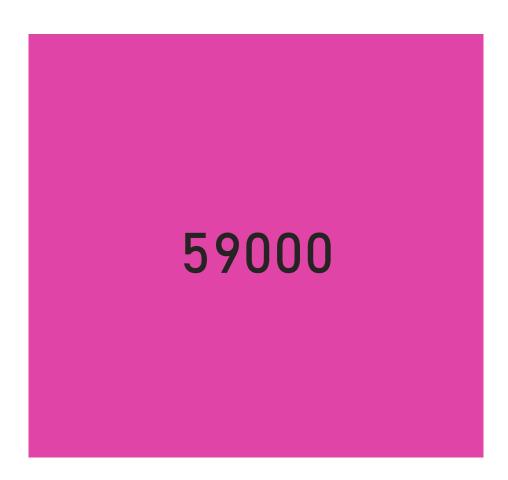


### Population Age

### Population Share by Age



### Population 18-24



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