

Business & Employment Harborough

UK Business Counts 2023,
Leicester and Leicestershire
- Harborough

Released at the 27/09/2023 the Office for National Statistics UK Business Counts contains two datasets, one containing counts based on the number of enterprises and the other on local units. This report uses the number of enterprises.

An enterprise can be thought of as the overall business, made up of individual sites or workplaces. A local unit is an individual site associated with an enterprise. As may be expected there are more local units than enterprises.

Data contained in the report covers the period 2015 to 2023 and is at a two digit level (Standard Industrial Code).

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Note: Figures used in this report have been subject to rounding.

Estimated Business Population

In the Leicester and Leicestershire area in 2023 it was estimated that there were 43,085 businesses.
In the Harborough area there were 5,355.

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Leicester and Leicestershire

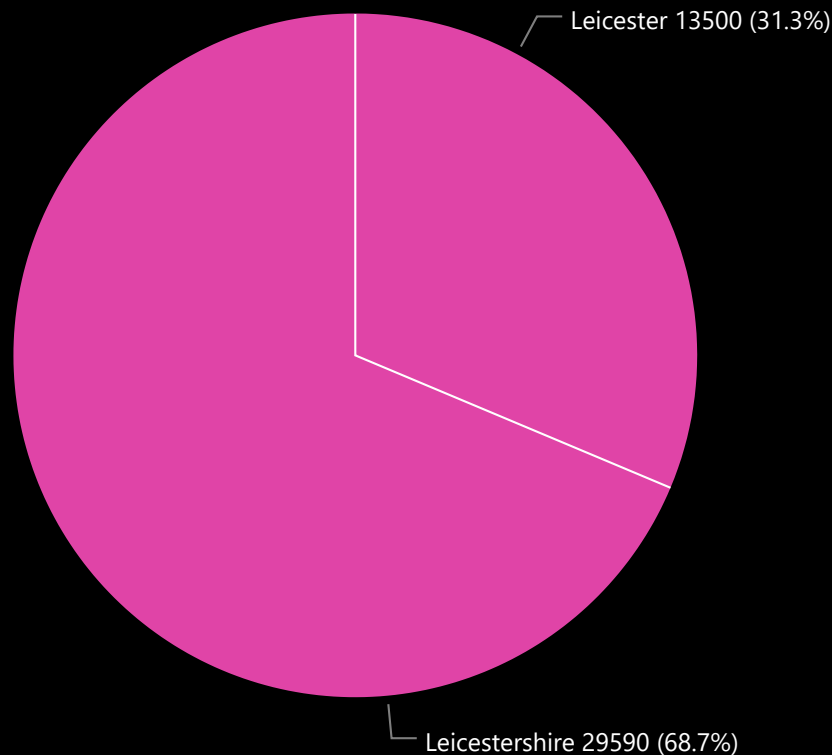
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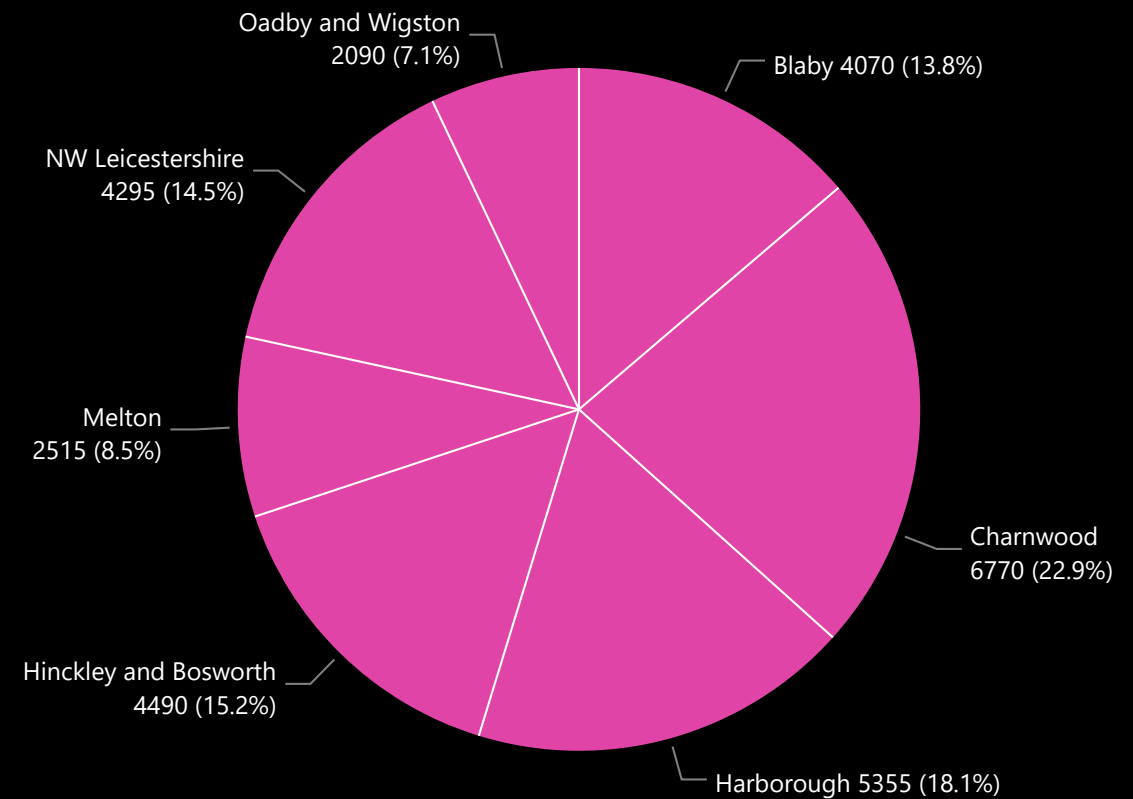
Local Authority and District Area Estimated Share of Business Population.

In 2023 over two thirds (68.7% or 29,590) of the estimated local business population of the Leicester and Leicestershire area were based in Leicestershire and the rest (31.3% or 13,500) in Leicester. The 5,355 enterprises in the Harborough area contribute to 18.1% of the enterprises in the Leicestershire area and 12.4% of those in the Leicester and Leicestershire area.

Leicester and Leicestershire Area

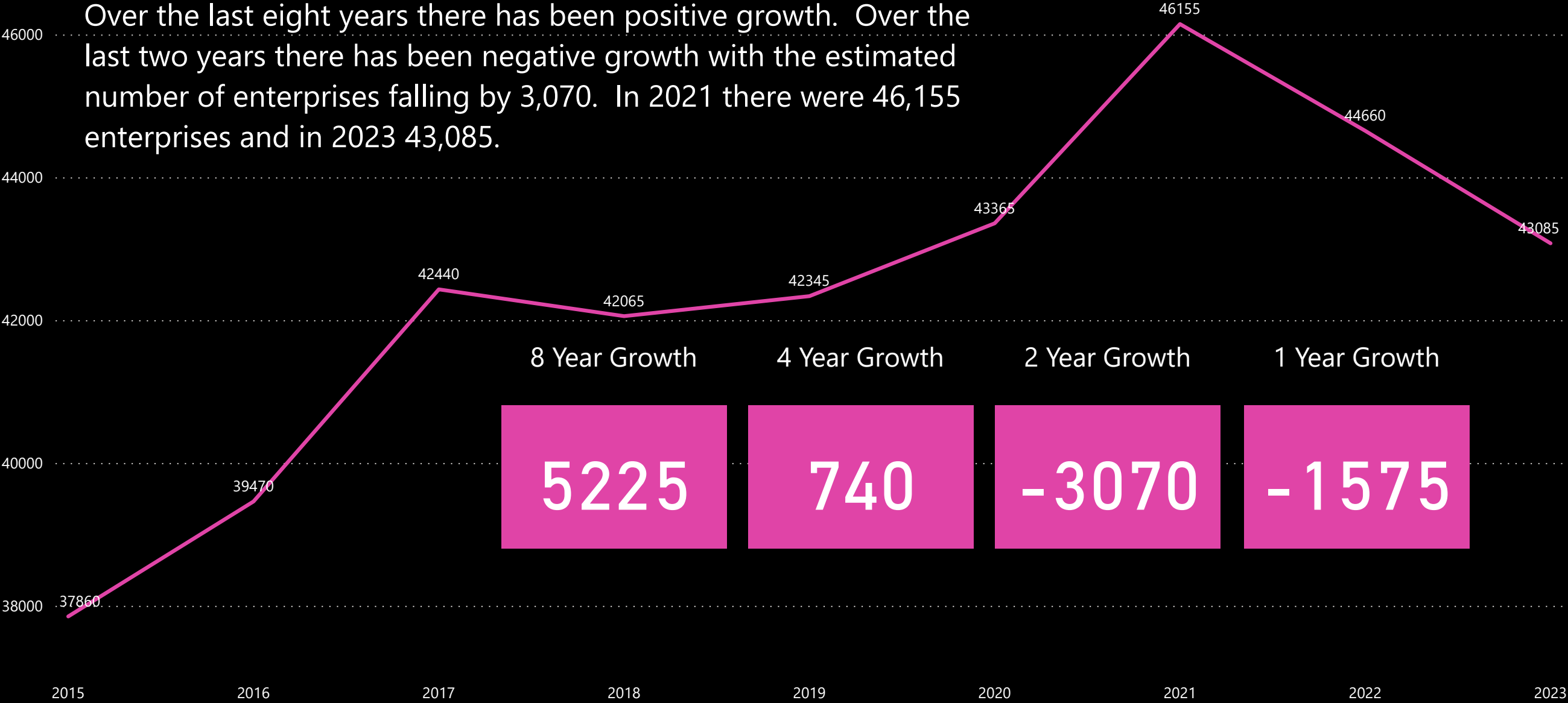


Leicestershire Area



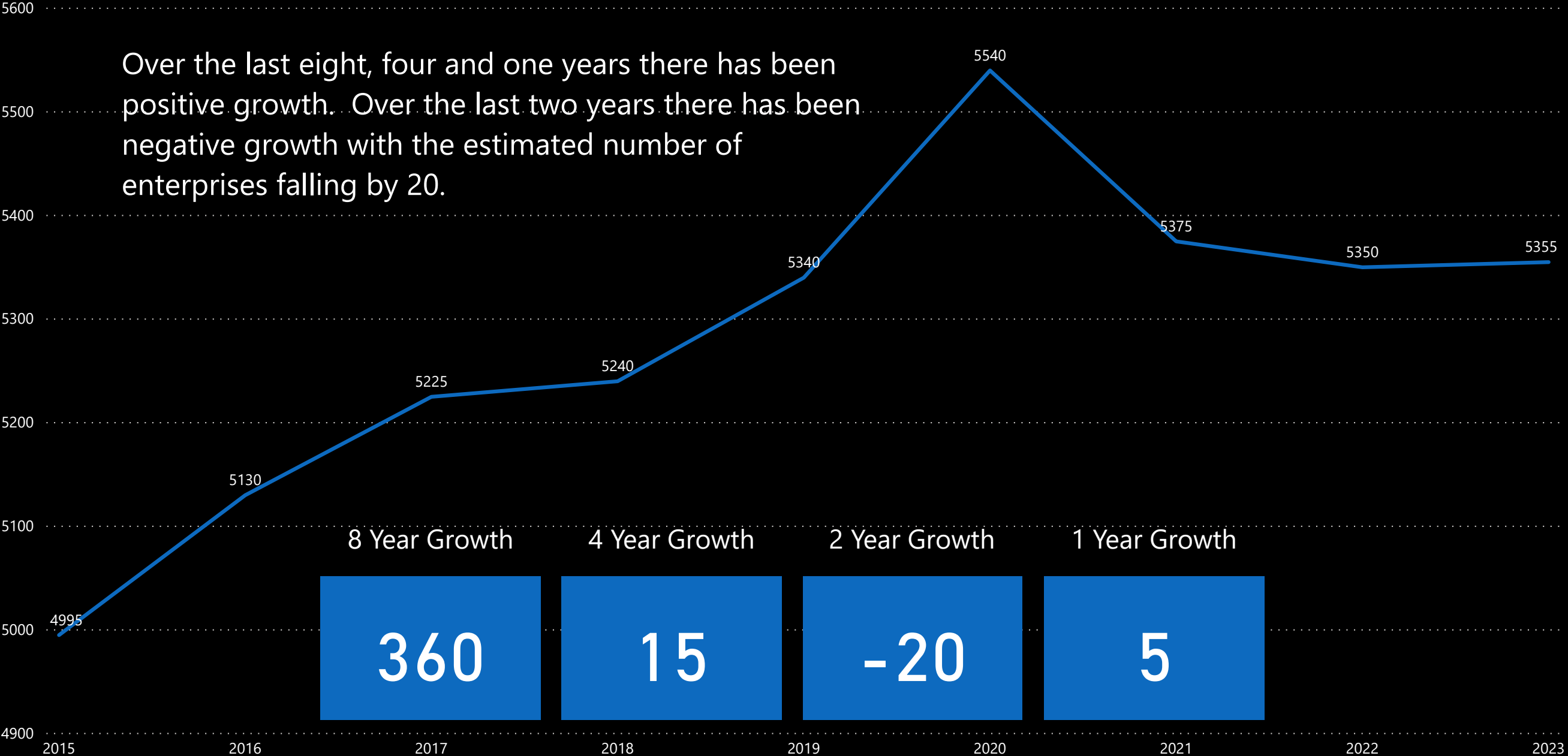
Estimated Business Growth in the Leicester and Leicestershire Area 2015 to 2023

Over the last eight years there has been positive growth. Over the last two years there has been negative growth with the estimated number of enterprises falling by 3,070. In 2021 there were 46,155 enterprises and in 2023 43,085.



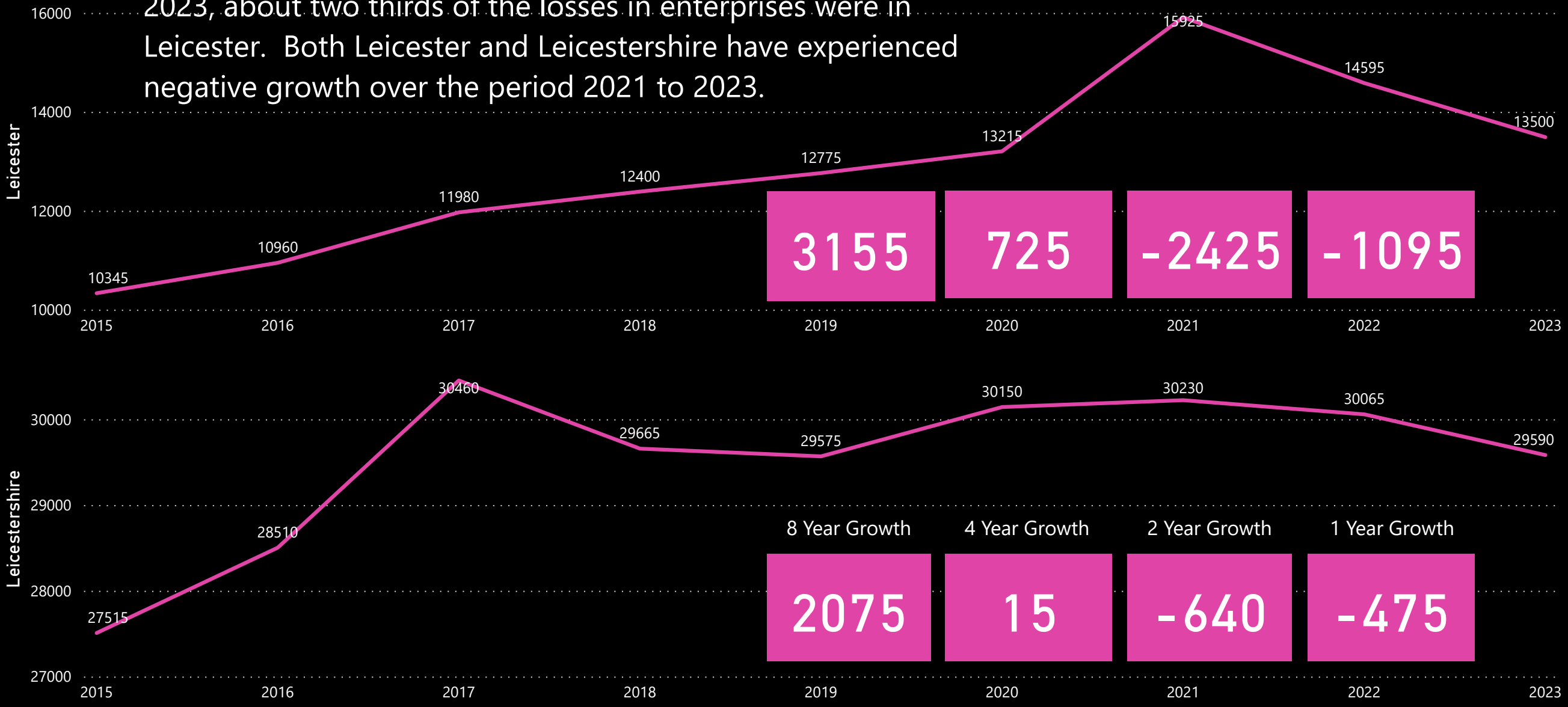
Estimated Business Growth in the Harborough Area 2015 to 2023

Over the last eight, four and one years there has been positive growth. Over the last two years there has been negative growth with the estimated number of enterprises falling by 20.



Estimated Business Growth in the Leicester and Leicestershire Areas 2015 to 2023

Despite less than a third of enterprises being based in Leicester in 2023, about two thirds of the losses in enterprises were in Leicester. Both Leicester and Leicestershire have experienced negative growth over the period 2021 to 2023.

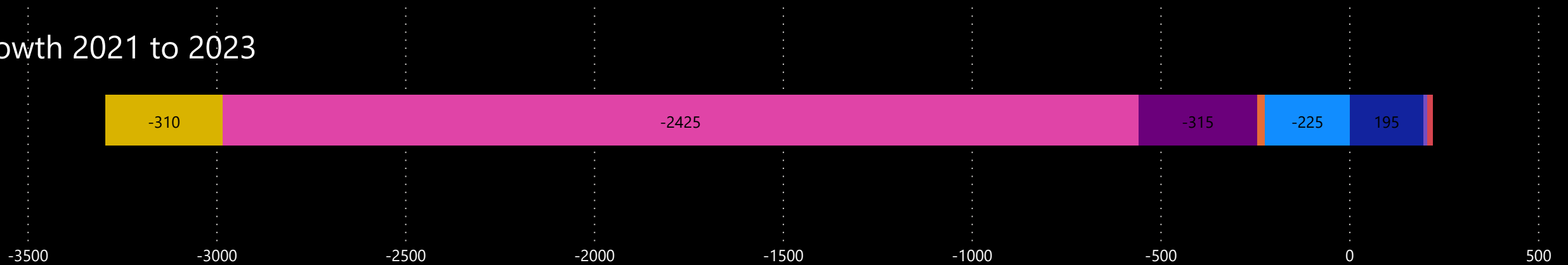


Estimated Business Growth in the Leicester and Leicestershire and Harborough Areas 2021 to 2023 and 2022 to 2023

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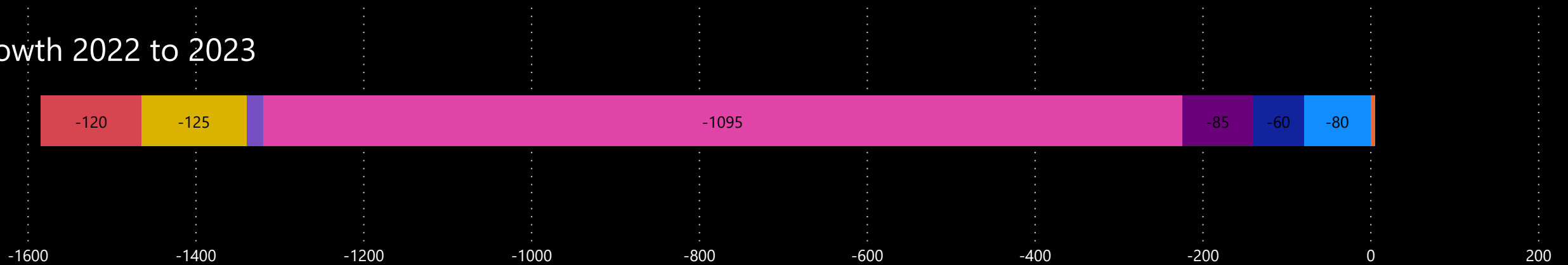
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Growth 2021 to 2023



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Growth 2022 to 2023

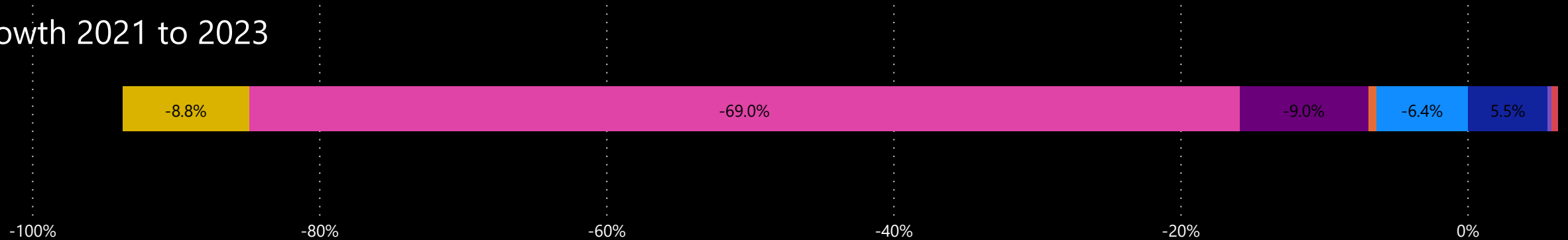


Estimated Share of Business Growth in the Leicester and Leicestershire and Harborough Areas 2021 to 2023 and 2022 to 2023

The stacked bar charts below demonstrate share of business growth across the Leicester and Leicestershire and Harborough areas over the periods 2021 to 2023 and 2022 to 2023. Over the period 2022 to 2023 two thirds of the falls were in Leicester. Harborough was the only area that saw positive growth over the same period.

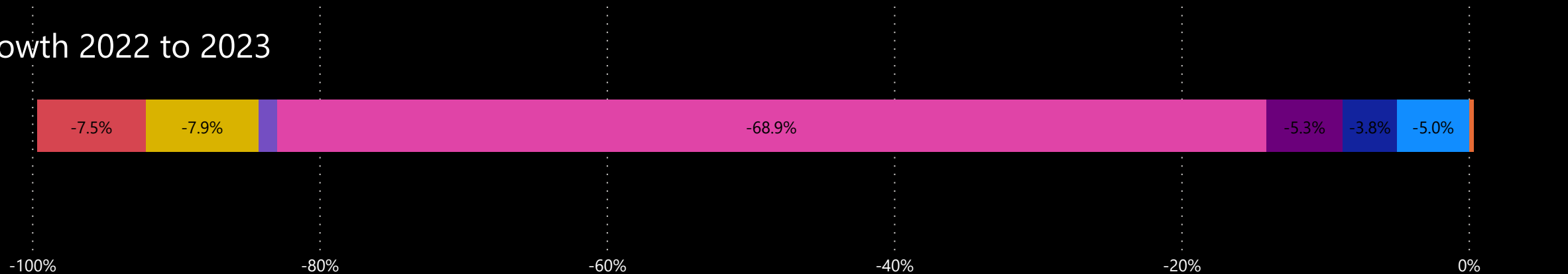
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Estimated Business Growth in the Leicester and Leicestershire Area 2021-2023 by Size

The estimated fall in enterprises in the Leicester and Leicestershire area has been in Micro businesses. This might be expected as most businesses both locally and nationally employ nine or less staff.

	Micro	Small	Medium	Large	SMEs	Total
2023	38260	3940	710	180	4650	43085
2021	41395	3890	705	165	4595	46155
Growth	-3135	50	5	15	55	-3070

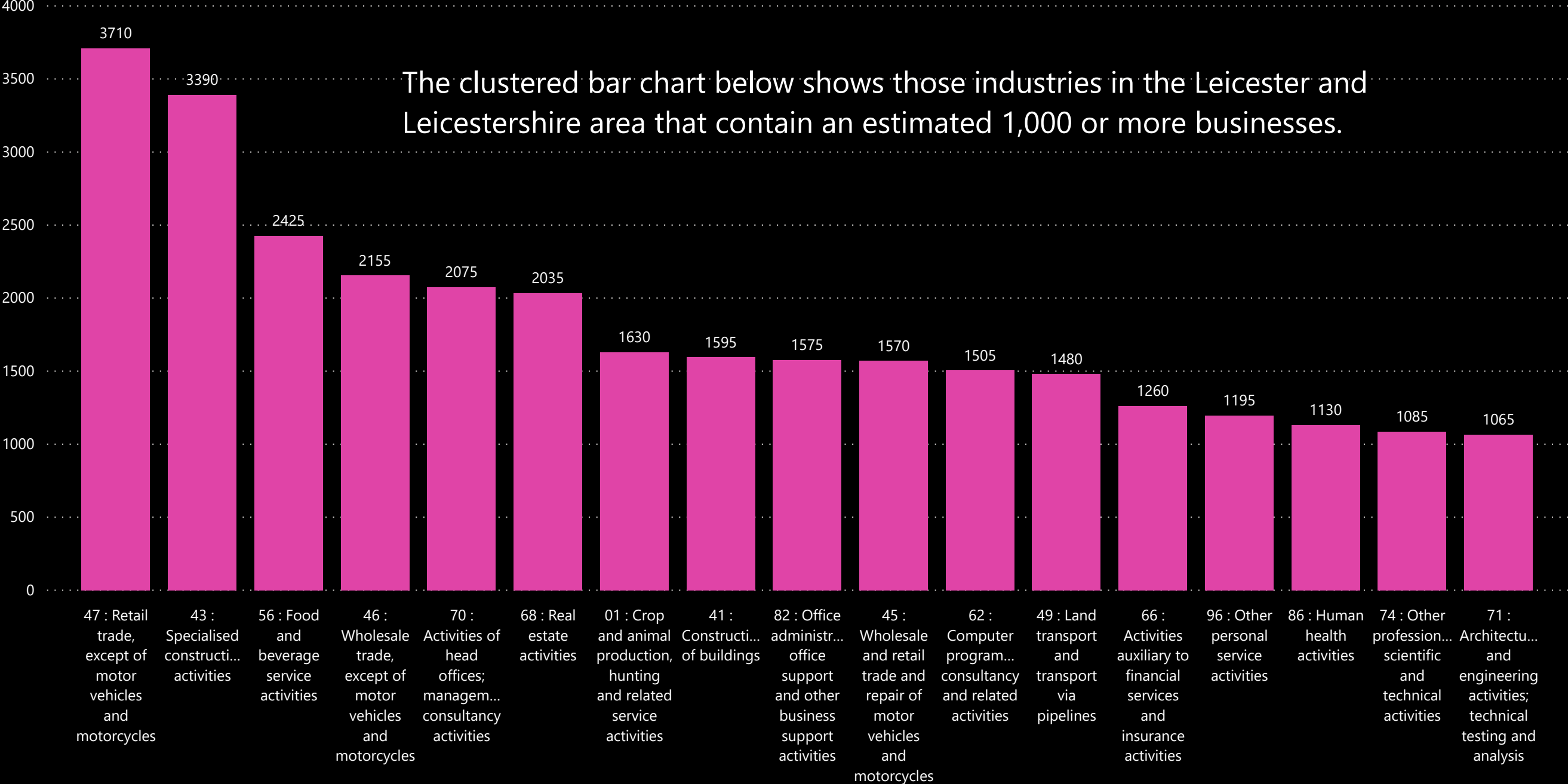
Estimated Business Growth in the Harborough Area 2021-2023 by Size

There have been falls in the the number of micro businesses in the Harborough area.

	Micro	Small	Medium	Large	SMEs	Total
2023	4815	455	75	15	530	5355
2021	4875	410	75	15	485	5375
Growth	-60	45	0	0	45	-20

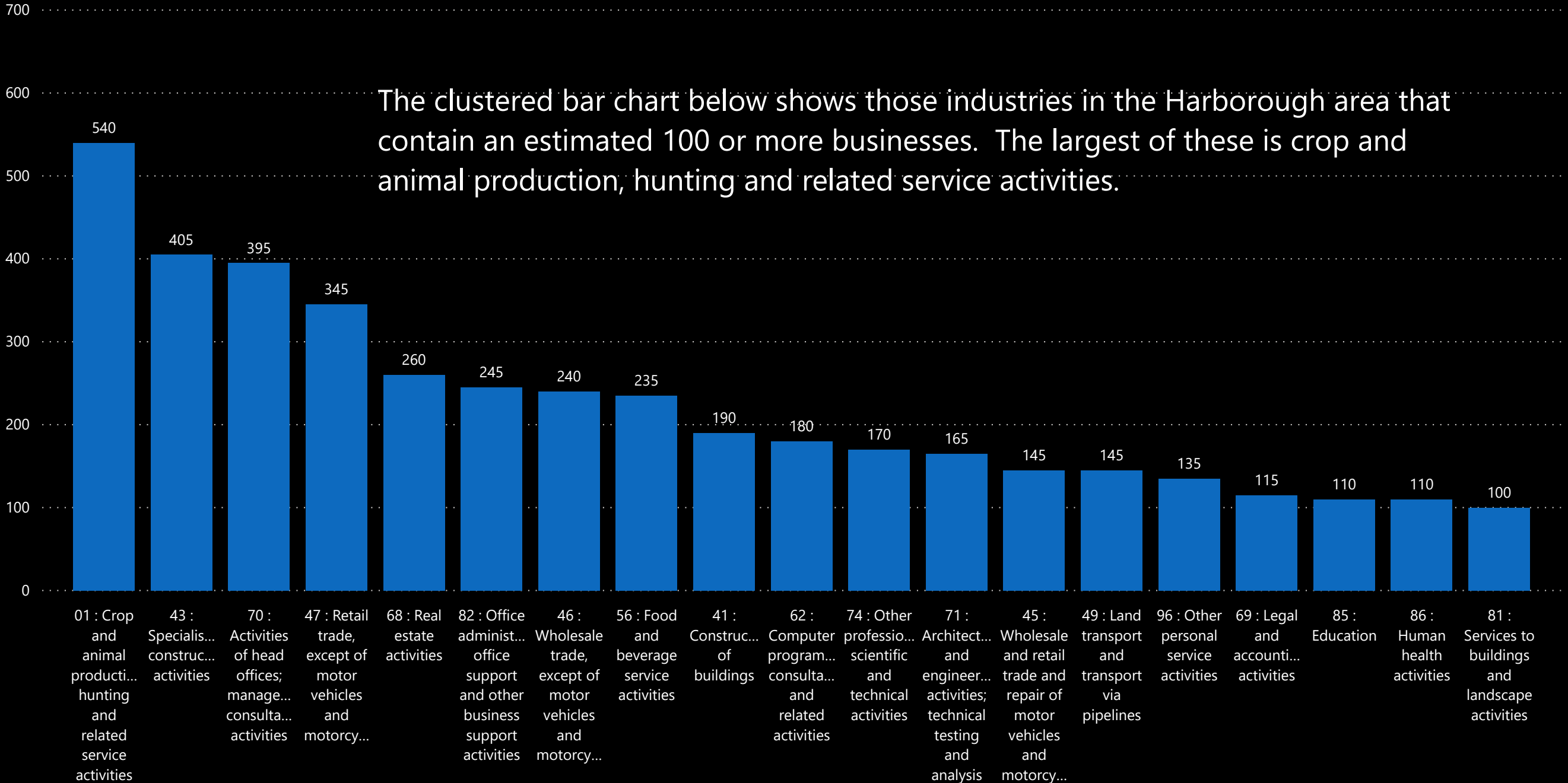
Industries with the Largest Estimated Numbers in the Leicester and Leicestershire Area

The clustered bar chart below shows those industries in the Leicester and Leicestershire area that contain an estimated 1,000 or more businesses.

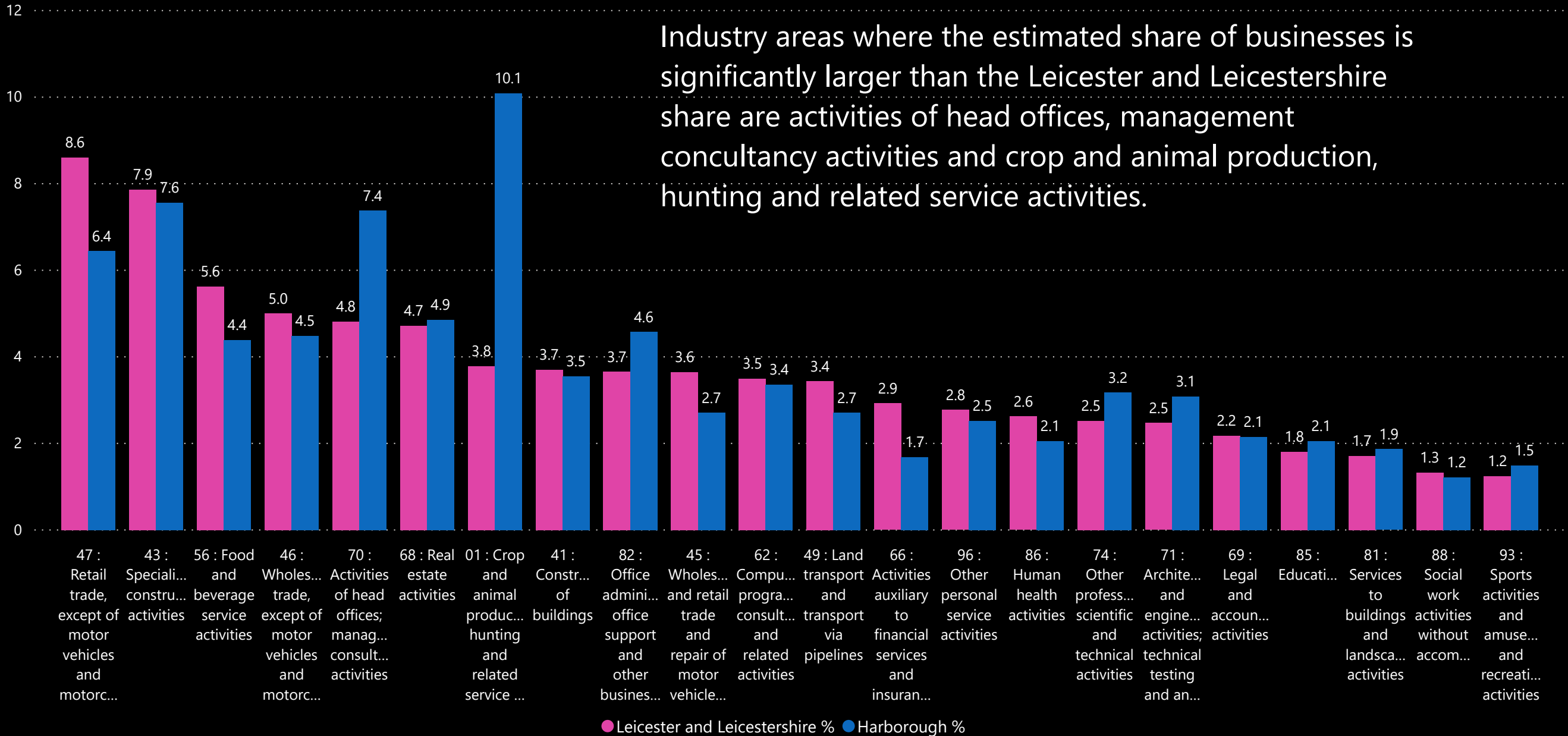


Industries with the Largest Estimated Numbers in the Harbourhough Area

The clustered bar chart below shows those industries in the Harbourhough area that contain an estimated 100 or more businesses. The largest of these is crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities.



Benchmark Industry Share Harborough and the Leicester and Leicestershire Area 2023

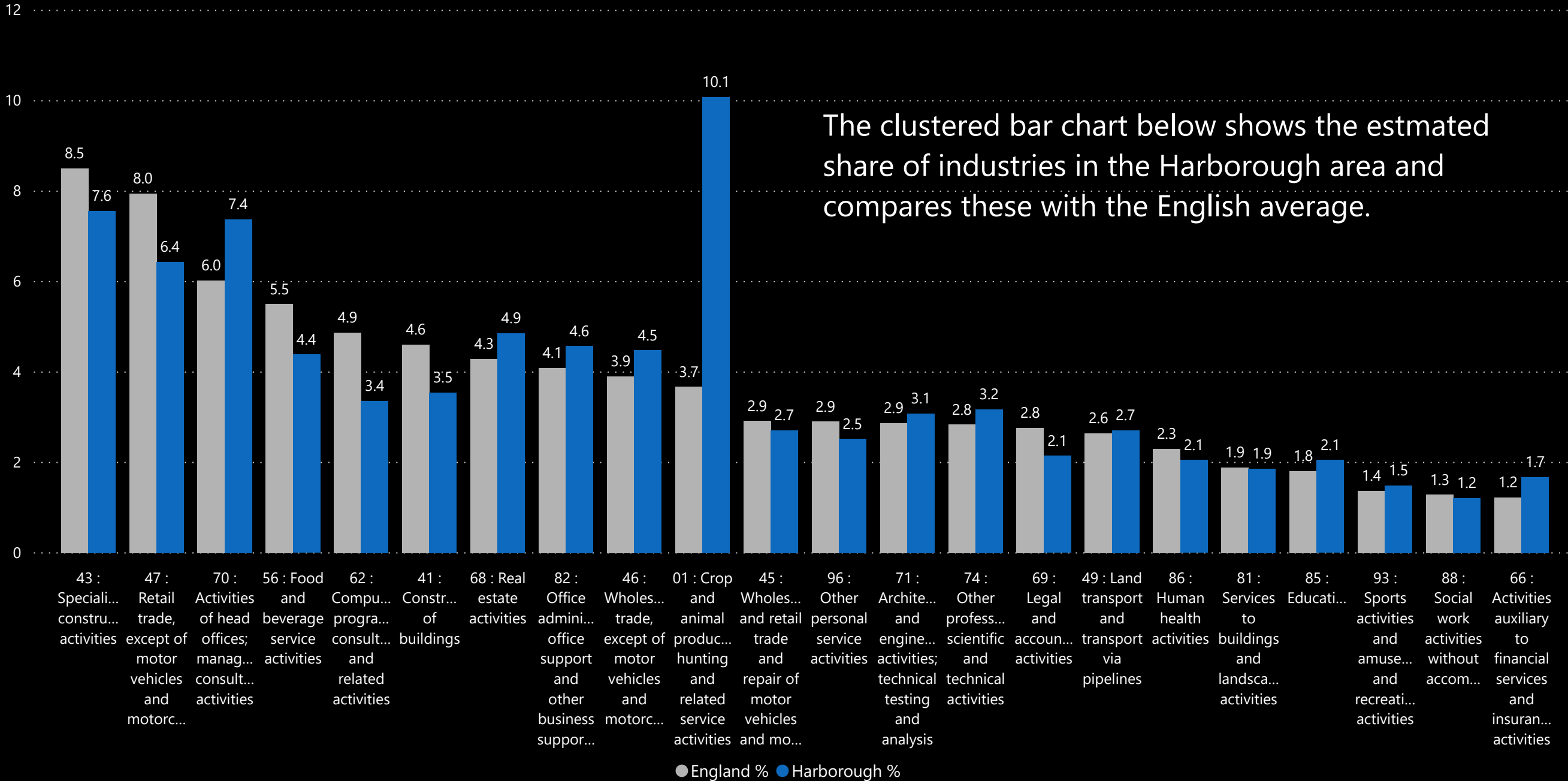


Benchmark Industry Share Leicester and Leicestershire and the England Areas 2023

The clustered bar chart below shows the estimated share of industries in the Leicester and Leicestershire area and compares these with the English average.



Benchmark Industry Share Harborough and the England Areas 2023



Industry Business Location Quotients Leicester and Leicestershire Area 2023

The clustered bar chart demonstrates location quotients based on industry share locally compared to the share nationally. Location quotients that are 1.5 and above are considered to be area specialities. Local specialities can be a good or bad thing depending on the industry. High location quotients do not guarantee high business or employment numbers. Those industries that have more than 30 businesses are shown.

Note: It must be noted that business location quotients are different to employment location quotients and these may produce a different set of results. Business and employment location quotients should be used together where possible to present a clearer picture of the business community.

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Industry Business Location Quotients Harborough Area 2023

Harborough LQ by Industry

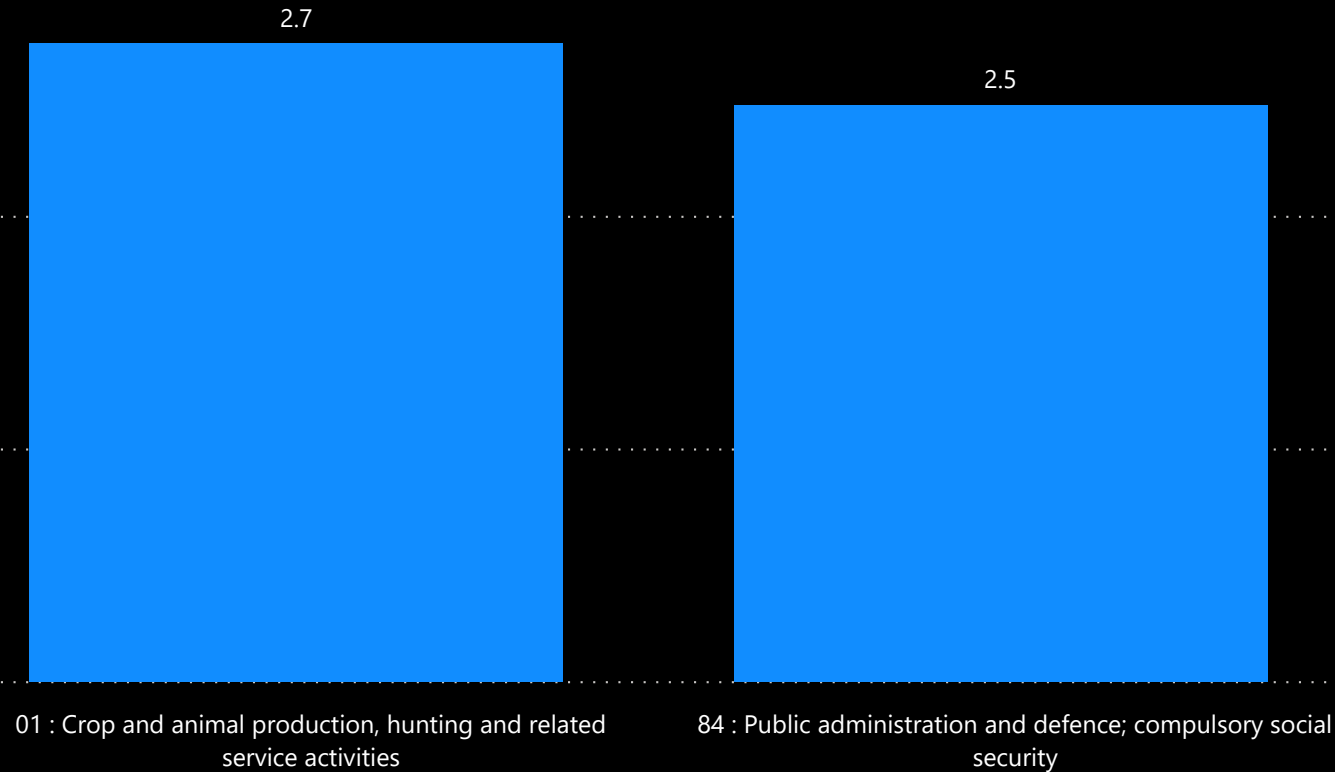
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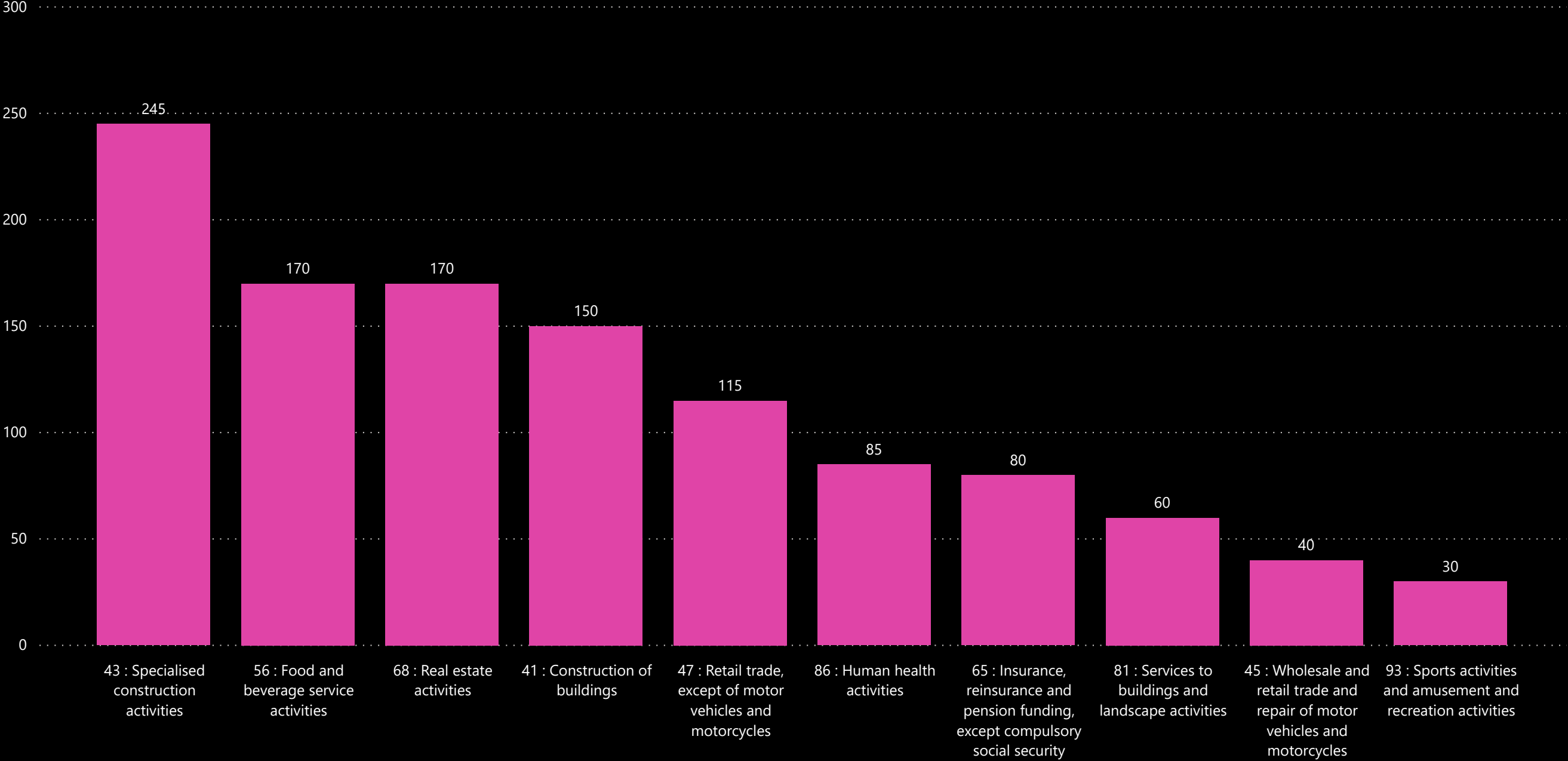
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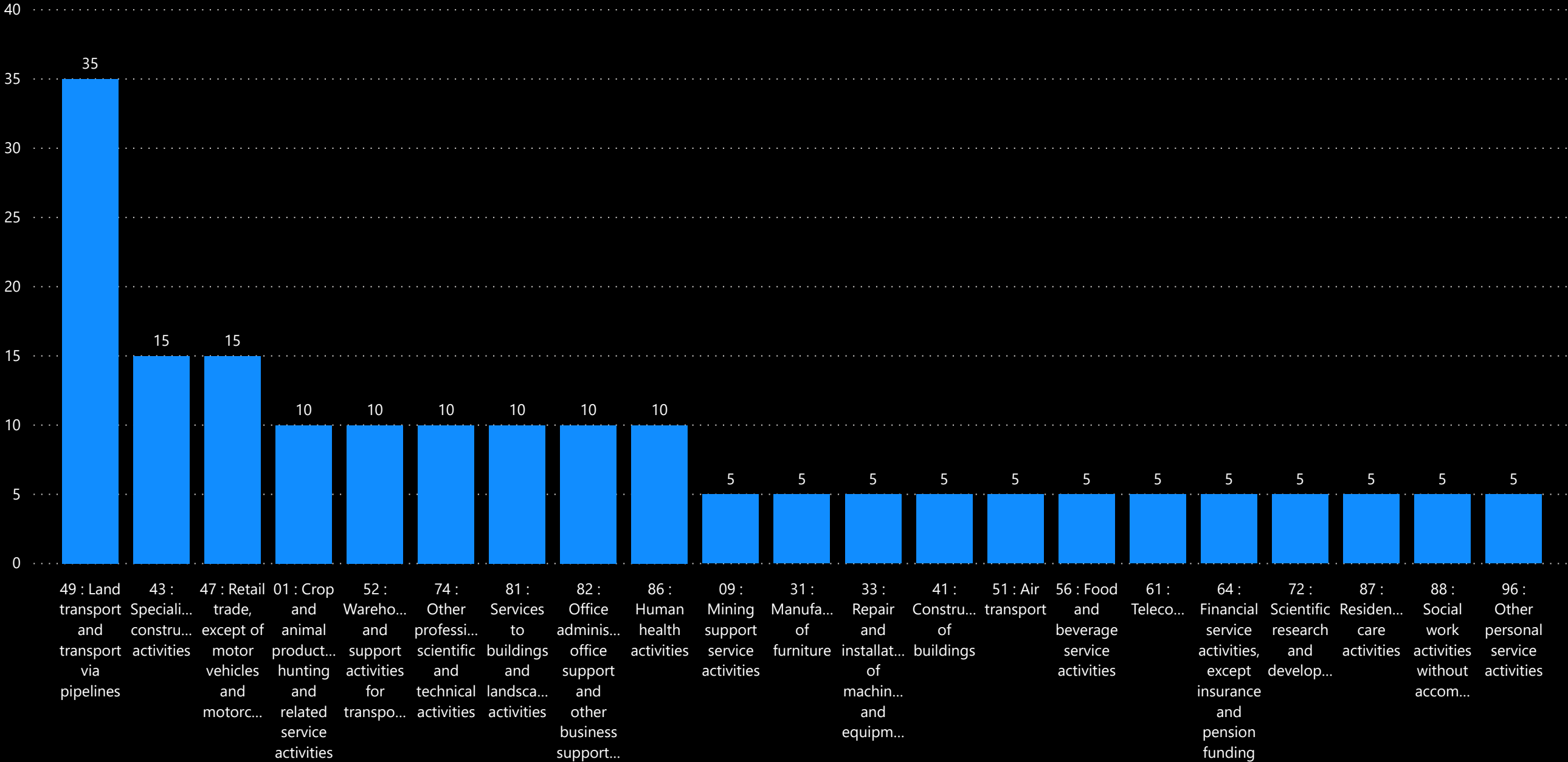
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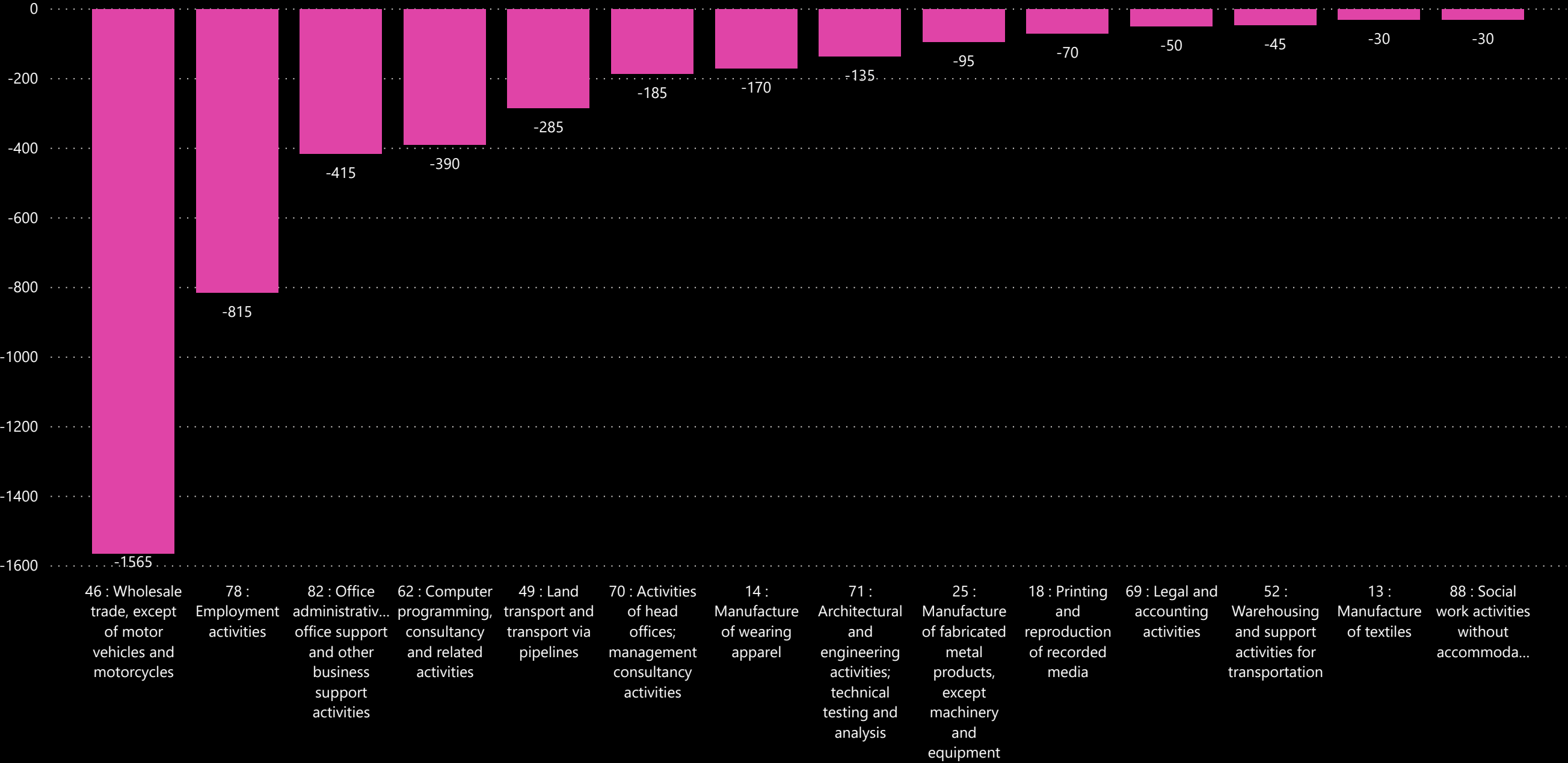
Largest Estimated Rises in Business Numbers 2021 to 2023 Leicester and Leicestershire



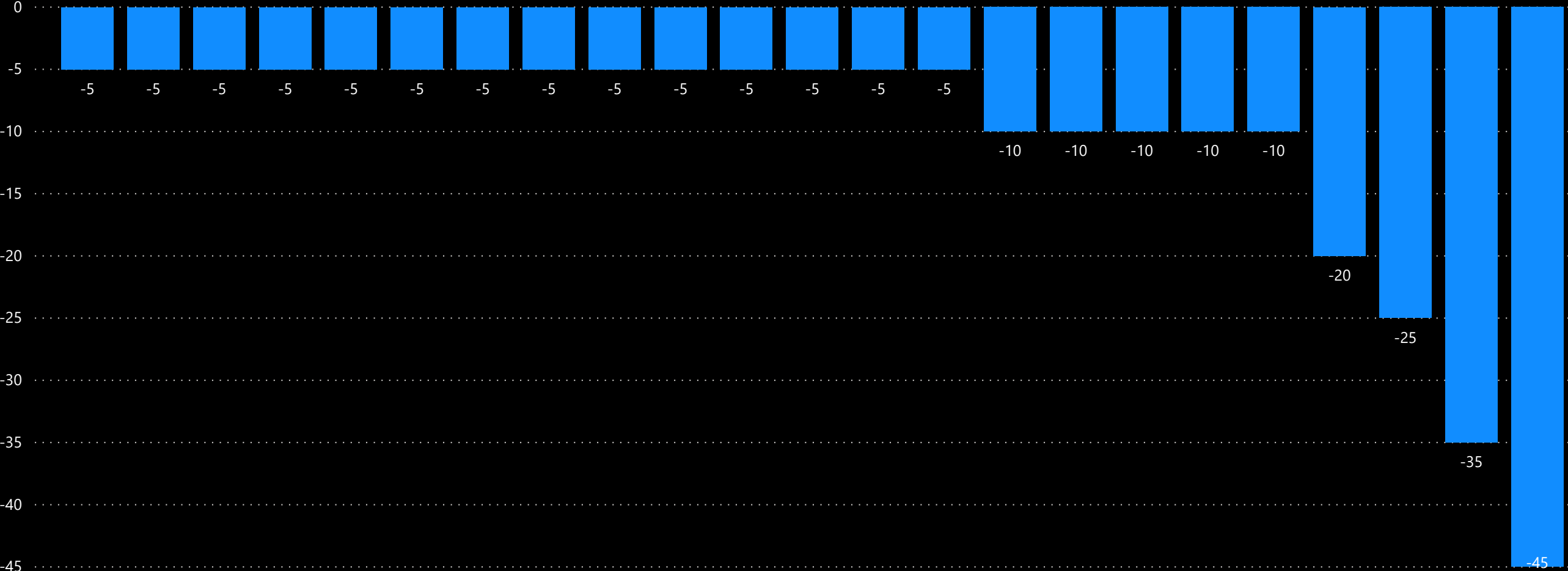
Largest Estimated Rises in Business Numbers 2021 to 2023 Harborough



Largest Estimated Falls in Business Numbers 2021 to 2023 Leicester and Leicestershire



Largest Estimated Falls in Business Numbers 2021 to 2023 Harborough



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 17: Manuf... of paper and paper products
 25: Manuf... of fabrica... metal produc... except machi... and eq...
 26: Manuf... of electro... and optical products
 28: Manuf... of machi... and equip... n.e.c.
 42: Civil engine...
 59: Motion picture, video and televisi... produ... sound ...
 60: Progra... and broadc... activities
 65: Insura... and reinsur... pension funding, except compu... social s...
 70: Activiti... of head offices; manag... consul... activities
 75: Veterin... activities
 90: Creative, arts and enterta... activities
 94: Activiti... of memb... organi...
 45: Whole... and retail trade and repair of motor vehicle...
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 68: Real estate activities
 69: Legal and account... activities
 73: Adverti... and market research
 71: Archite... and engine... technic... testing and analysis
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 66: Activiti... auxiliary to financial services and insura... activities
 62: Comp... progra... and consul... related activities

Business Register and
Employment Survey 2022,
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Released at the 25/10/2023 the Office for National Statistics Business Registration and Employment Survey contains counts based on the number of employees and employment. This report uses employment numbers.

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Estimated Employment Population

In the Leicester and Leicestershire area in 2022 it was estimated that there was employment of 522,005. In the Harborough area there was employment of 43,655.

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Leicester and Leicestershire

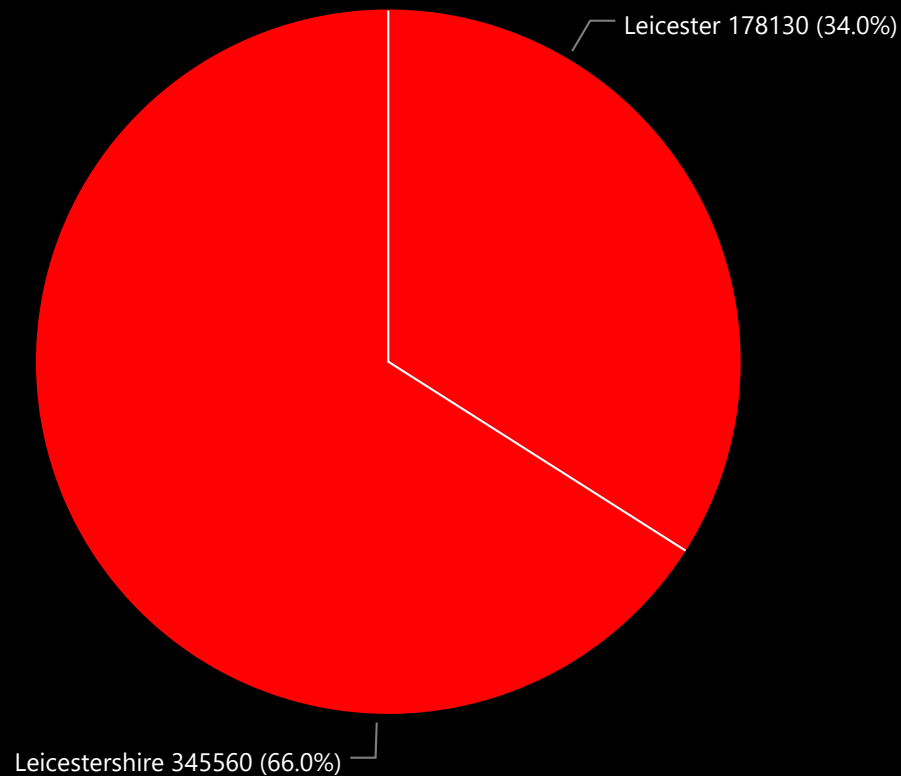
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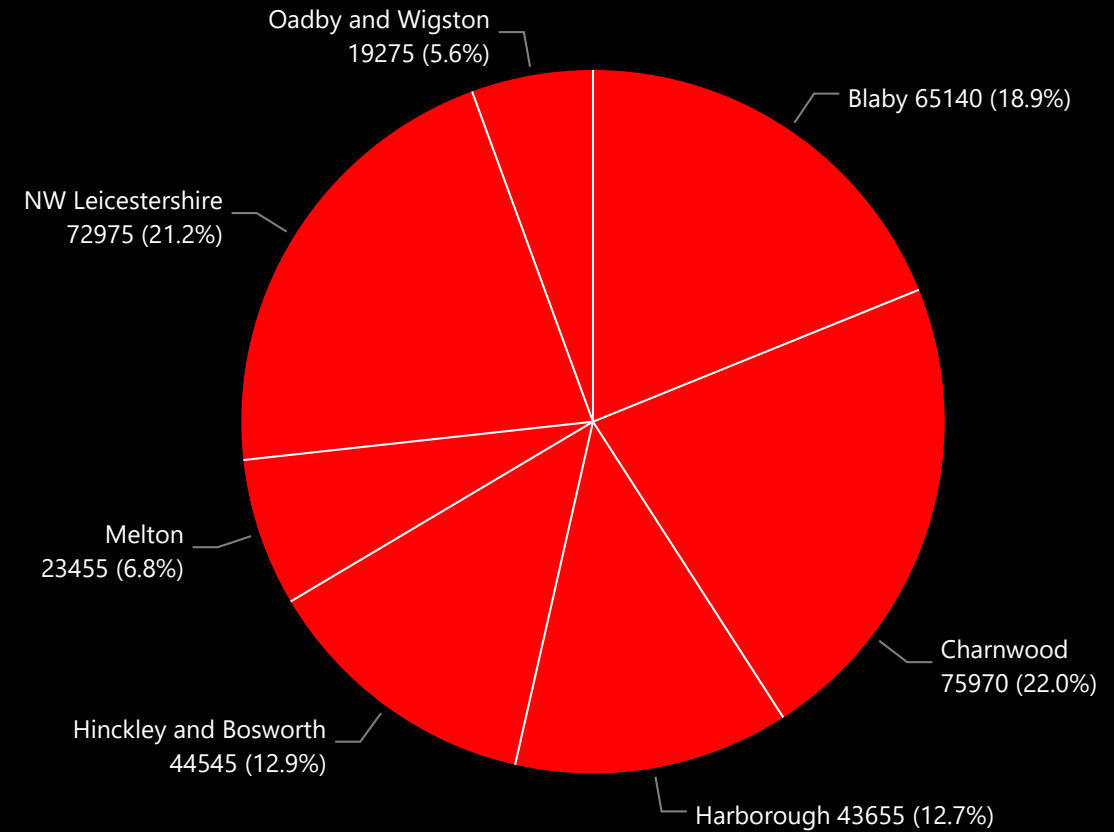
Local Authority and District Area Estimated Share of Employment

In 2022 two thirds (66% or 345,560) of the estimated local employment population of the Leicester and Leicestershire area were based in Leicestershire and the rest (34% or 178,130) in Leicester.

Leicester and Leicestershire Area



Leicestershire Area



Estimated Employment Growth in the Leicester and Leicestershire Area 2014 to 2022



Estimated Employment Growth in the Harbrough Area 2014 to 2022



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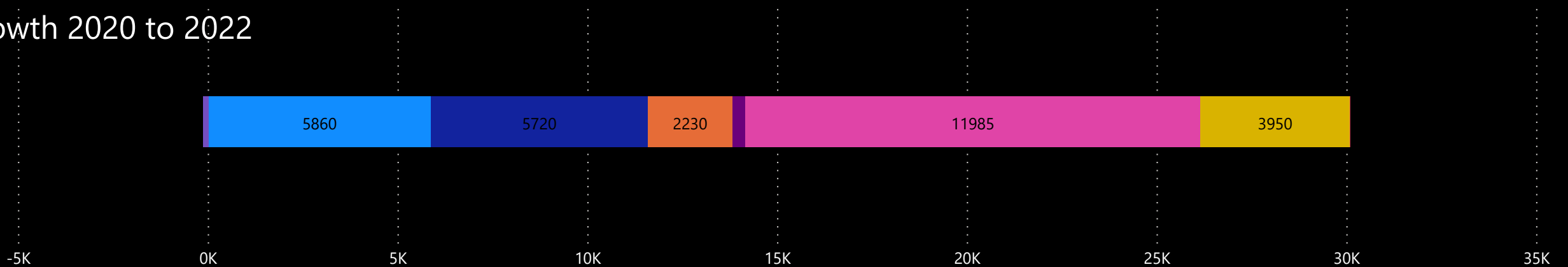


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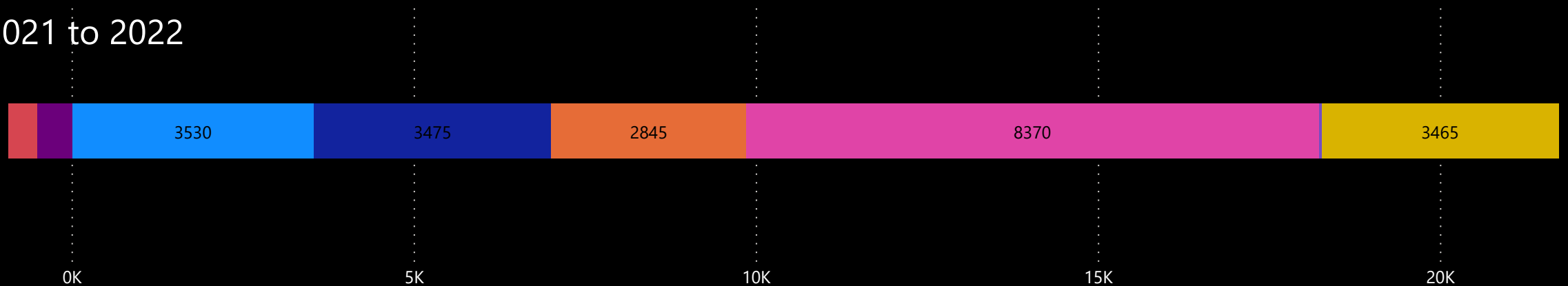
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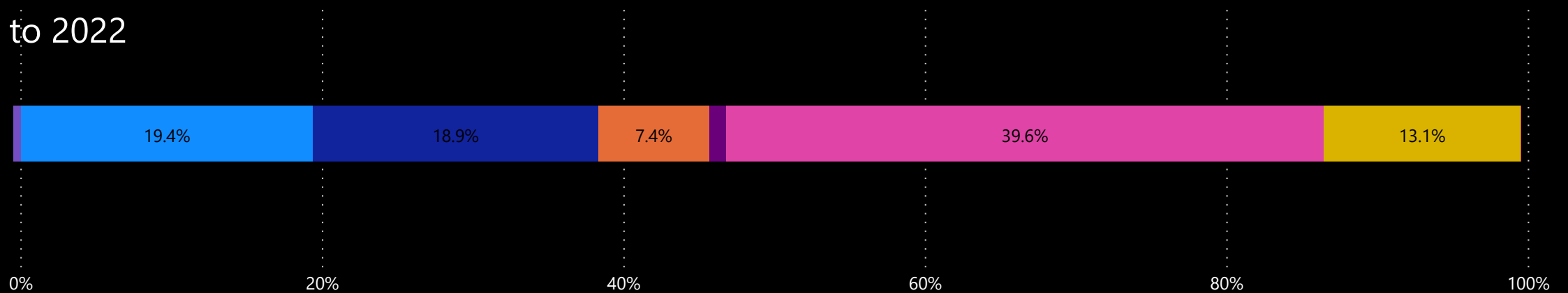


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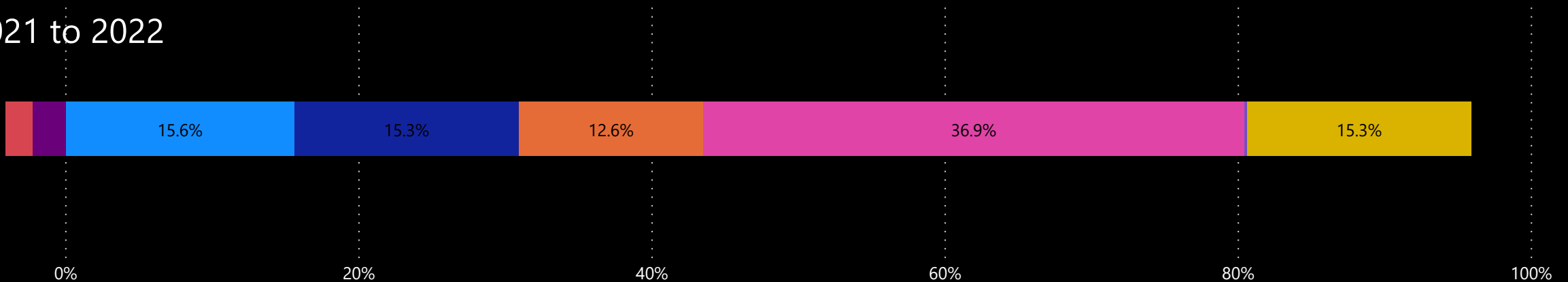
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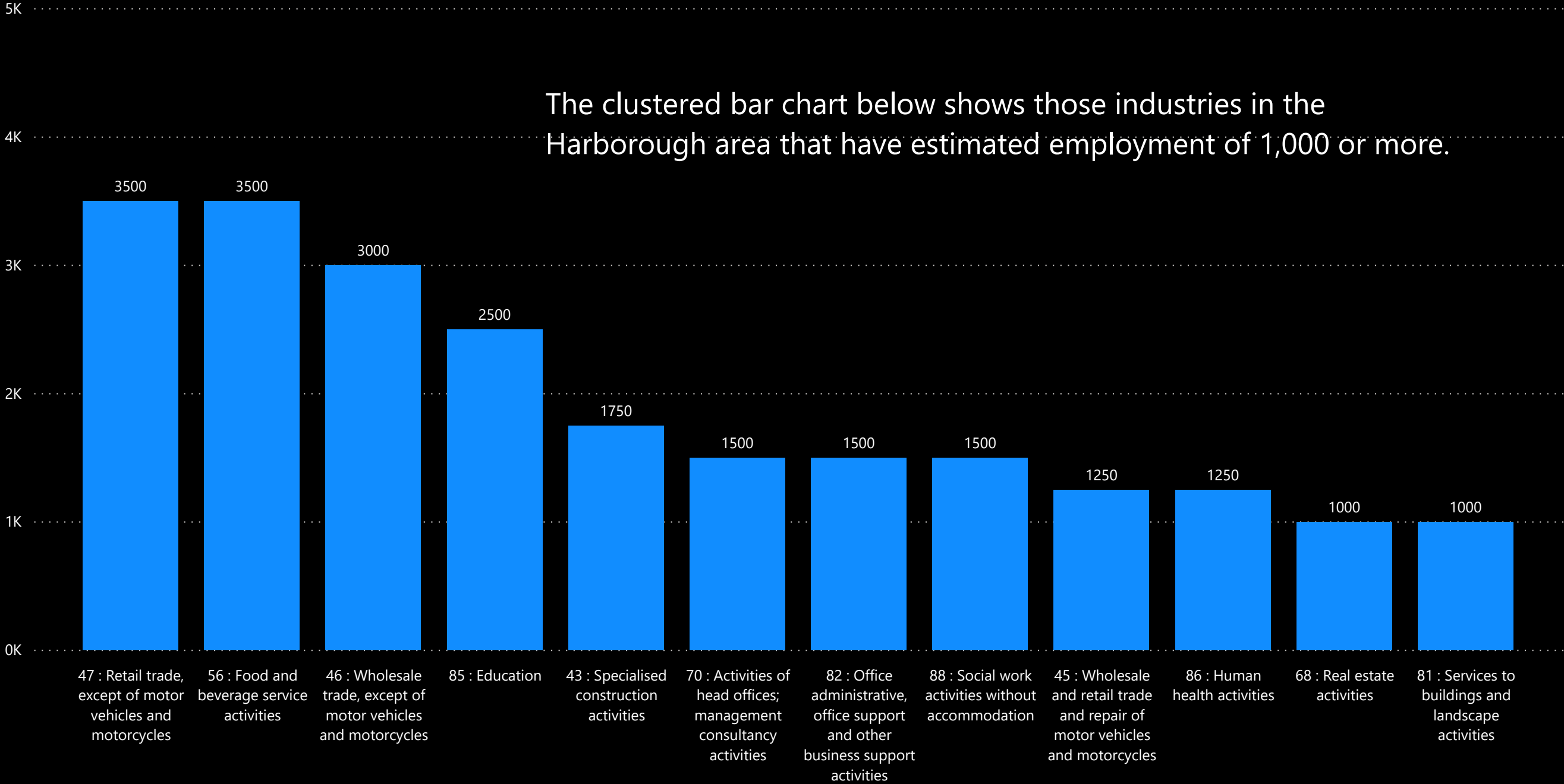


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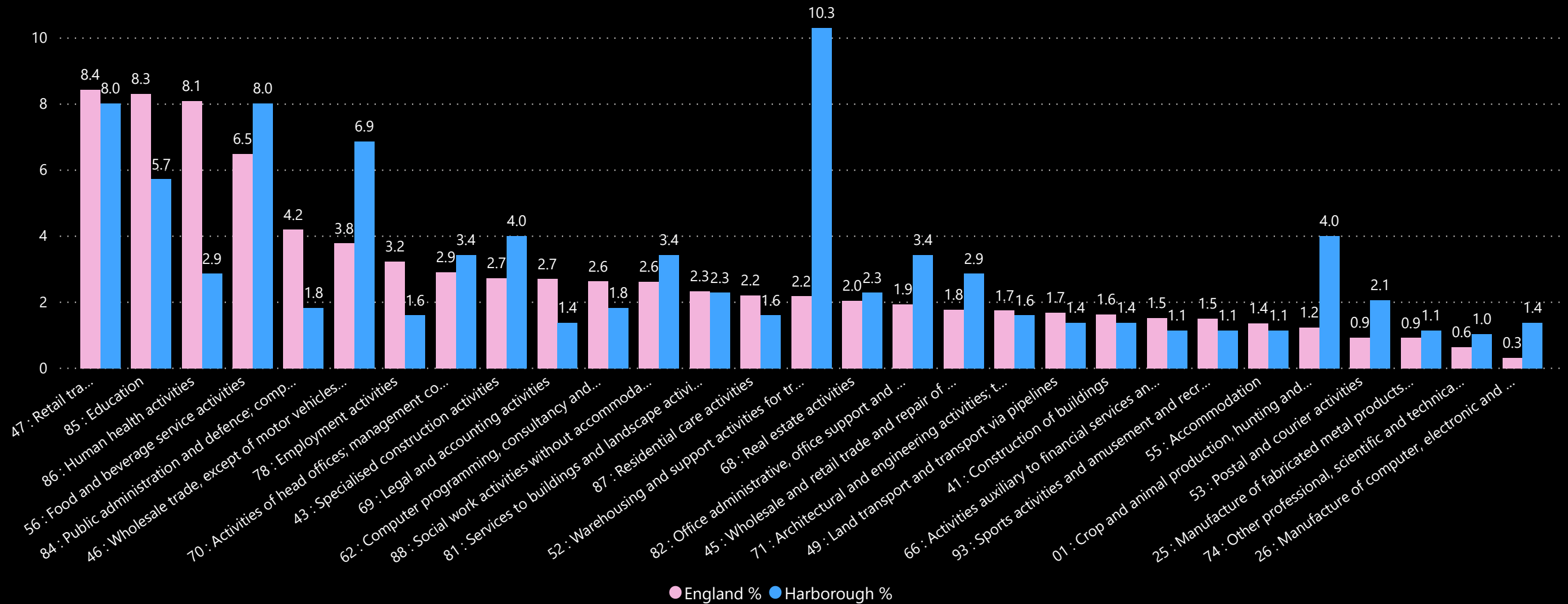


Industries with the Largest Estimated Employment Numbers in the Harborough Area



Benchmark Industry Employment Share Harborough and England Areas 2022

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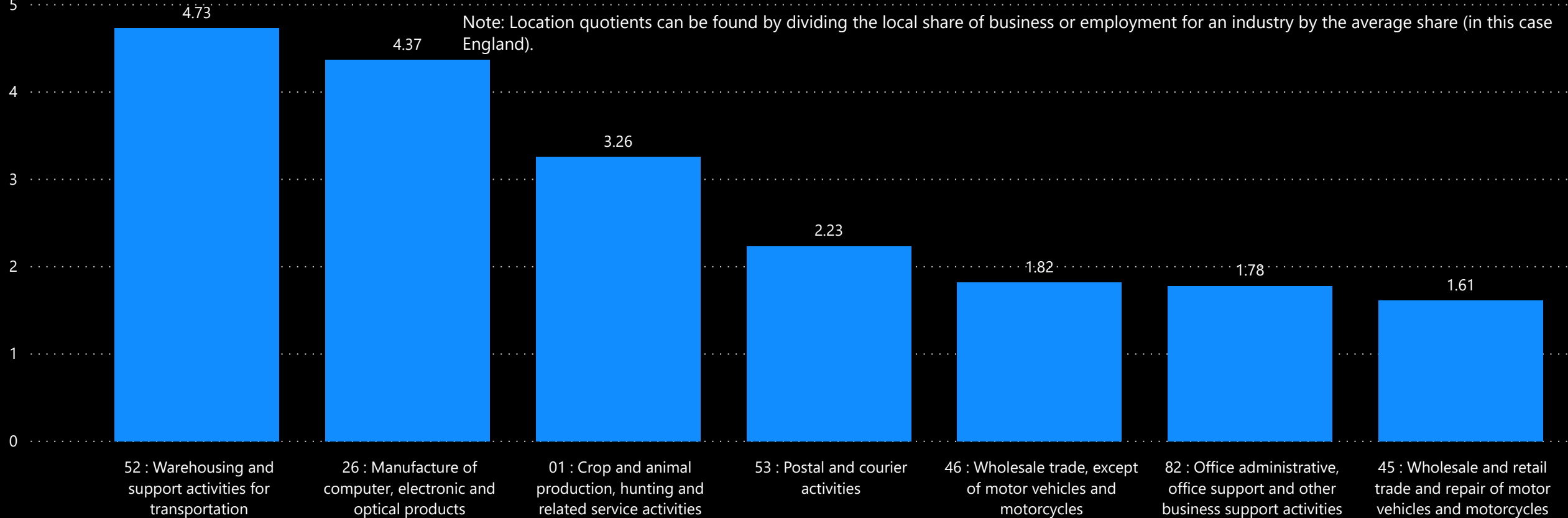
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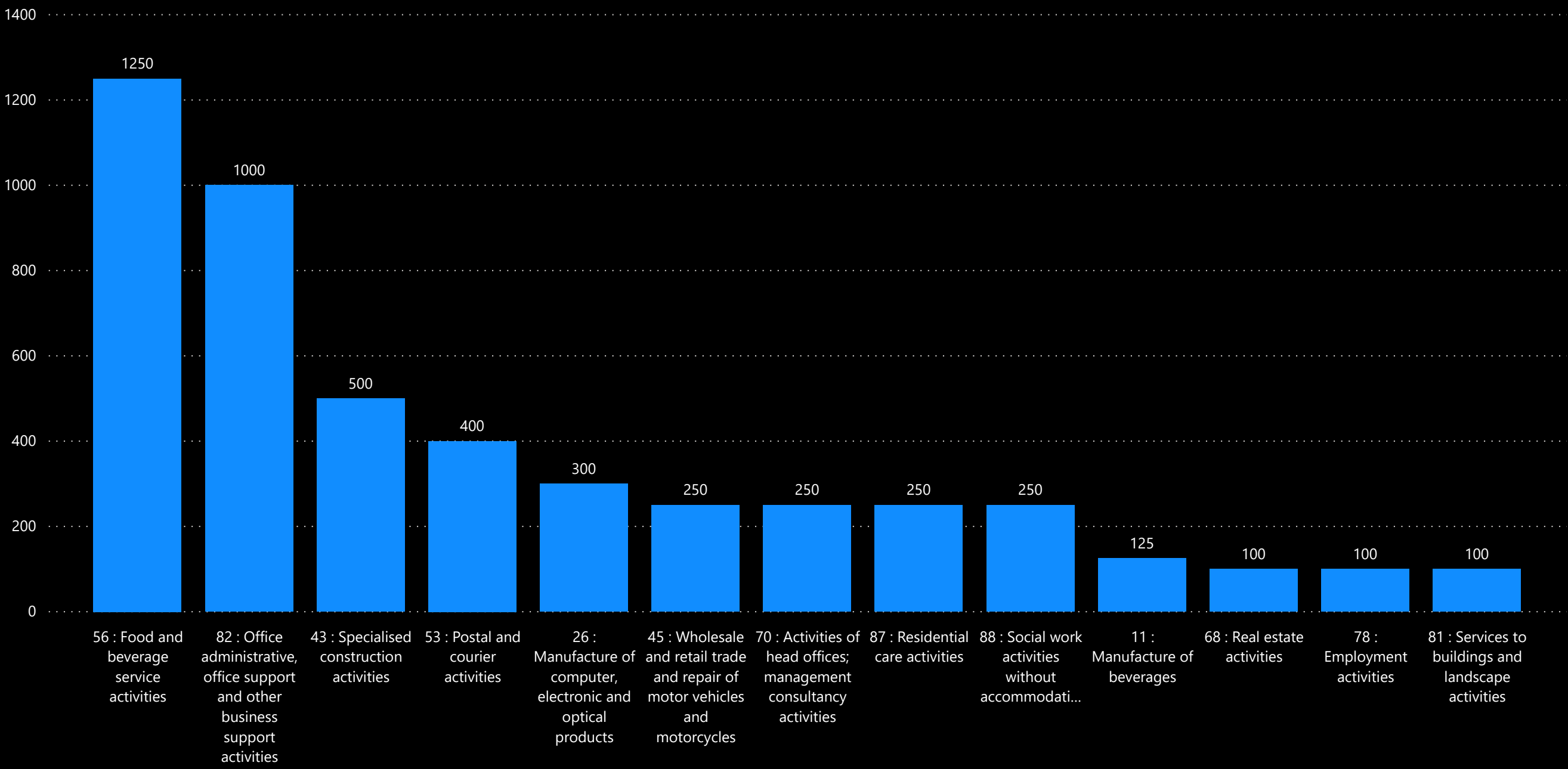
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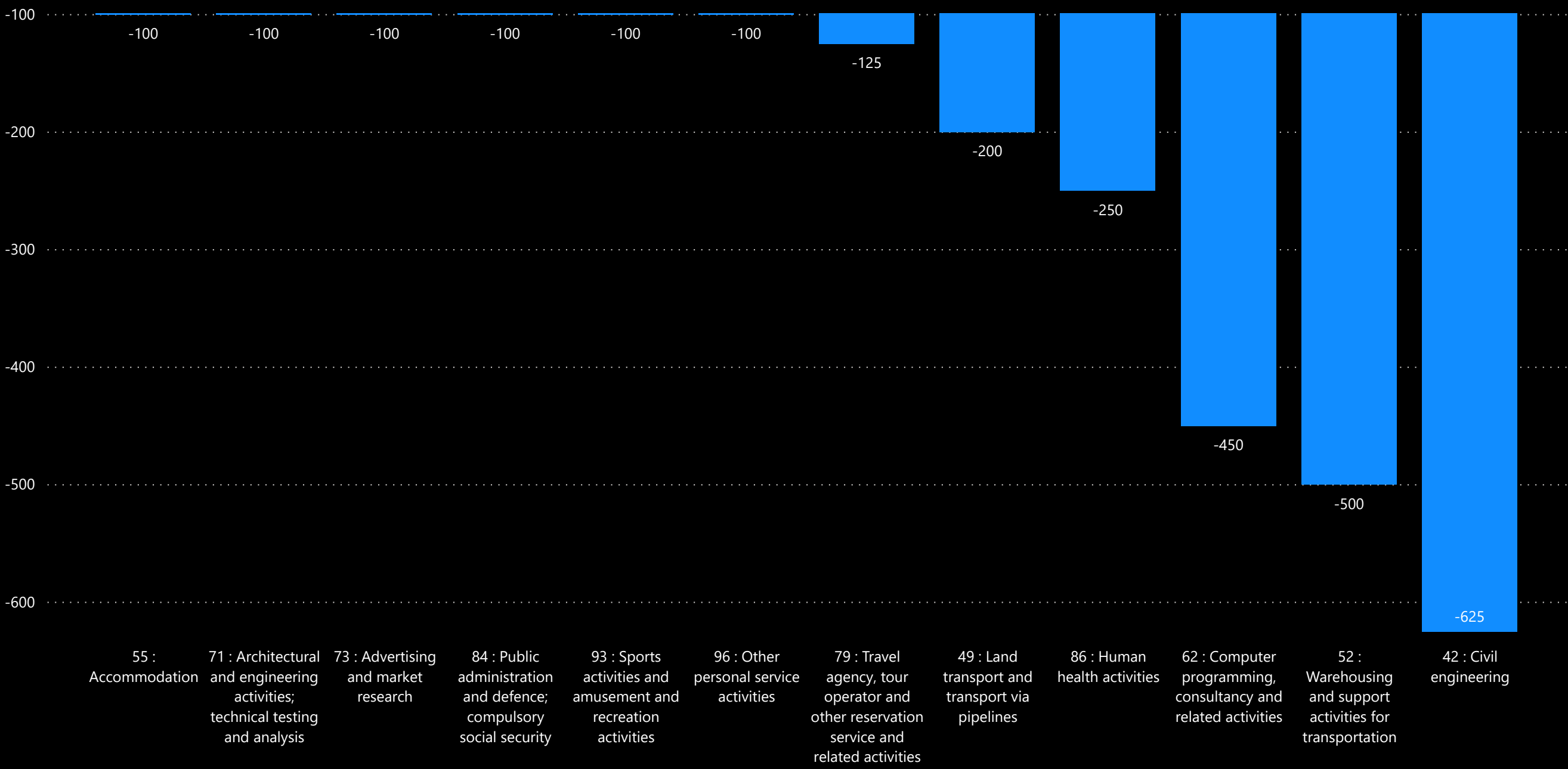
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Largest Estimated Falls in Employment Numbers 2020 to 2022 Harborough



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