

CEIAG YOUTH LABOUR MARKET SUMMARY – OCTOBER 2025

A monthly summary of some of the most important information about labour market and employment trends for those advising young people in Central London

NATIONWIDE STATISTICS AND INFORMATION



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS for period June to Aug 2025

Next update expected November 2025

Young people defined as being aged 16 to 24

		Change	
		Month	Annual
Young people unemployed in the UK	655000	+ 34000	+ 61000
Young person unemp. rate (proportion of economically active population unemp.)	14.5%	+ 0.7%	+ 0.8%
Unemployment rate for young men in UK	16.8%	+ 1.5%	+ 0.7%
Unemployment rate for young women in UK	12.0%	- 0.3%	+ 0.8%
Number of young people in employment in UK	3.88m	+ 10000	+ 138000
Number of young people economically inactive (neither in or seeking work) in UK	2.92m	- 30000	- 77000
Inactivity rate among young people in UK	39.2%	- 0.5%	- 1.7%
Employment rate among young people in UK	52.0%	Unch.	+ 1.0%
Change in young person population in UK since same period last year		+ 122000	



YOUNG PEOPLE NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING (NEET)

for period April to June 2025

Next update expected 20 Nov 2025

PLEASE NOTE STATISTICS WERE REWEIGHTED BETWEEN NOVEMBER 2024 AND FEBRUARY 2025 SUMMARIES – QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL CHANGE STATISTICS MAY NOT TALLY WITH STATISTICS IN PREVIOUS SUMMARIES

		Change	
		Qtr.	Annual
People aged 16 to 24 and NEET in UK	948000	+ 25000	+ 27000
<i>Male</i>	497000	- 1000	- 18000
<i>Female</i>	450000	+ 25000	+ 44000
People aged 16 and 17 and NEET in UK	75000	+ 6000	+ 6000



GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT

Update published November 2024

Please see summary emailed with Jan 2025 Summary for fuller details

The 2024-2025 'What Do Graduates Do?' survey showed that, of the responses received from the 2021-2022 cohort:

- **70%** of all graduates were in full or part-time employment 15 months after graduating - ranging between **57.4%** of Biology graduates to **80.2%** of Civil Engineering graduates
- **75%** of those in full or part-time employment were in professional-level employment - ranging between **47.0%** of Art graduates to **93.5%** of Civil Engineering graduates
- **6%** were unemployed

NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE and NATIONAL LIVING WAGE – next update April 2025

Set by Government, are mandatory and change every April

* - Apprentices can be paid this in the first year of an apprenticeship

	21+	18-20	17-	Appr.*
	£12.21	£10.00	£7.55	£7.55

LONDON STATISTICS AND INFORMATION



LONDON EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS for period June to August 2025

Next update expected 11 November 2025

People defined as being aged 16 to 64

PLEASE NOTE STATISTICS WERE REWEIGHTED BETWEEN NOVEMBER 2024 AND DECEMBER 2024 SUMMARIES – MONTHLY AND ANNUAL CHANGE STATISTICS MAY NOT TALLY WITH STATISTICS IN PREVIOUS SUMMARIES

Change

Month

Annual

People unemployed in London	305000	- 7000	+ 29000
Unemployment rate (proportion of economically active population unemployed)	6.1%	- 0.1%	+ 0.6%
Unemployment rate for men in London	6.7%	+ 0.8%	+ 2.0%
Unemployment rate for women in London	5.4%	- 1.1%	- 1.1%
Number of people in employment in London	4.694m	- 33000	- 18000
Number of people economically inactive (neither in or seeking work) in London	1.276m	+ 43000	+ 47000
Inactivity rate among people in London	20.3%	+ 0.6%	+ 0.5%
Employment rate among people in London	74.8%	- 0.6%	- 1.0%
Population of London aged 16 to 64	6.276m	+ 4000	+ 58000



EMPLOYMENT IN LONDON BY SECTOR

Released June 2025 (March 2025 figures)

Next update expected Dec 2025 (Sept 2025 figures)

Final column – where does London's sector proportion sit within the twelve UK regions?
If joint, with how many?

Sector	London %	UK%	Diff	Rank
Professional, Scientific and Technical	15.2 (+0.2)	9.4 (-0.1)	+ 5.8	Highest
IT and Communication	8.6 (-0.1)	4.4 (-0.1)	+4.2	Highest
Finance and Insurance	7.0 (-0.2)	3.1 (-0.1)	+3.9	Highest
Administration	9.8 (+0.3)	8.1 (+0.1)	+1.7	Highest
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	3.7 (-0.1)	3.1 (+0.1)	+0.6	Second
Real Estate	2.6 (+0.1)	2.0 (+0.2)	+0.6	Highest
Other Service Industries	3.0 (+0.3)	2.7 (+0.2)	+0.3	Jt. highest (2)
Mining and Quarrying	0.1 (+0.1)	0.1 (-)	No diff.	Jt. fourth (8)
Public Administration and Defence	0.3 (+0.1)	0.4 (-)	-0.1	Eighth
Electric, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning	4.4 (-0.1)	4.7 (-)	-0.3	Jt. eighth (3)
Hospitality and Catering	6.7 (-0.3)	7.1 (-0.2)	-0.4	Jt. seventh (2)
Water Supply	0.3 (-)	0.7 (-)	-0.4	Lowest
Transport and Storage	4.6 (-0.2)	5.1 (-)	-0.5	Eighth
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	0.0 (-)	0.9 (-0.1)	-0.9	Lowest
Education	6.7 (-)	8.4 (+0.1)	-1.7	Lowest
Construction	4.4 (+0.2)	6.1 (-)	-1.7	Lowest
Health & Social Work	11.0 (-)	13.9 (+0.2)	-2.9	Lowest
Wholesale, Retail and Vehicle Repair	9.4 (-)	12.7 (-0.2)	-3.3	Lowest
Manufacturing	2.1 (-0.1)	7.0 (-)	-4.9	Lowest

LONDON LIVING WAGE – next update September 2026

Set by Living Wage Foundation, non-binding and change every Sept.

Based on the cost of living in London

£13.85



LONDON APPRENTICESHIP STATISTICS

Updates as available - Totals may not always be correct, due to rounding – no updates this issue

During the period Aug 2023 to April 2024, among the under-19 age group, the following apprenticeships were started:

Please note that the statistics relate to apprentice home borough, and not apprenticeship location borough

Borough	Intermediate		Advanced (L3)		Higher (L4+)		TOTAL	% of area starts
London-wide	1520	32.2%	2200	46.6%	1000	21.2%	4720	15.5%
Camden	20		20		0		50	9.1%
Hackney	20		50		10		80	10.3%
Islington	30		30		10		70	10.8%
Kensington & Chelsea	10		10		10		30	13.0%
Lambeth	40		50		10		100	9.1%
Southwark	40		60		40		140	13.5%
Wandsworth	40		40		10		80	7.9%
Westminster	40		20		10		80	14.3%
CEIAG boroughs	240	39.5%	280	44.4%	100	15.9%	630	10.6%

The London-wide figure breaks down as follows:

Category		% of all starts in category
Business, Administration and Law	1030	9.8%
Health, Public Services and Care	1000	14.1%
Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies	780	32.1%
Retail and Commercial Enterprises	600	25.0%
Construction, Planning and the Built Environment	600	33.7%
ICT	370	8.9%
Leisure, Travel and Tourism	140	51.9%
Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	100	24.4%
Education and Training	50	5.6%
Arts, Media and Publishing	30	12.5%
Social Sciences	10	9.1%
Science and Mathematics	0	-
History, Philosophy and Theology	0	-
TOTAL	4720	15.5%

The five most popular apprenticeships are:

Apprenticeship		% of all starts
Early Years Educator (L3)	450	9.5%
Hairdressing Professional (L2)	350	7.4%
Business Administrator (L3)	310	6.6%
Installation and Maintenance Electrician (L3)	290	6.1%
Early Years Practitioner (L2)	280	5.9%



CLAIMANT RATE STATISTICS for September 2025

Next update expected November 2025

	London		UK	
		Last mth		Last mth
All-age claimant rate	6.0%	5.9%	4.0%	4.0%
18 to 21-year-old claimant rate	7.2%	7.1%	6.2%	6.1%
18 to 24-year-old claimant rate	6.8%	6.7%	5.7%	5.7%



LONDON FUTURE EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMY

Next update expected December 2025

London is forecast to see a **0.8% rise** in the number of jobs in 2025 (revised from a **1.3% rise** in December 2024), a **rise of 1.0%** in 2026 (revised from a **rise of 1.5%** in December 2024) and a **rise of 1.3%** in 2027.

Household income is forecast to **rise by 2.6%** in 2025 (revised from a **rise of 2.8%** in December 2024), a **rise of 1.4%** in 2026 (revised from a **rise of 2.0%** in December 2024) and a **rise of 1.5%** in 2027.



DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Taken from Opportunity London website

Camden
 Hackney
 Islington
 Kensington and Chelsea
 Lambeth
 Southwark
 Wandsworth
 Westminster
 Central London Forward

NEWS ITEMS OR PUBLICATIONS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED...

BBC Sounds – **Will apprenticeships work?**

BBC – **Prime Minister sets new target for under-25s in university, college or apprenticeships**

BBC – **What is an apprenticeship? How much are apprentices paid?**

The next issue of this Summary will be distributed as soon as it has been updated, and no later than the end of the week beginning Monday 17 November 2025

This Summary is produced for the Local Authorities of Camden, Hackney, Islington, Kensington and Chelsea, Lambeth, Southwark, Wandsworth and Westminster.

Whilst all reasonable steps are taken to ensure all information is accurate and inoffensive, we cannot take responsibility for any inaccuracies or for loss or damage arising from its use. Views expressed within the content of this Summary are of those supplying the information and are not necessarily those of the author unless explicitly stated.