

PROFESSIONAL AND LEGAL SERVICES

The professional and legal services sector is the largest sector in the West of England in terms of both the number of people employed and the economic value it creates. Although many professionals work in large organisations, the West of England is also home to many SME's in areas such as law, accounting, consulting and financial advice.

All data represents the West of England

SIZE OF SECTOR



54,401

people are employed in this sector.



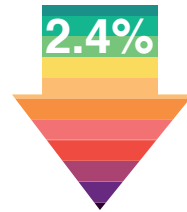
102,881

unique job postings between Jan 2017 and Jan 2018.



9.8%

of the workforce are aged 16-24 years old.



The sector is forecast to decline by 2.4% between 2017 and 2026.



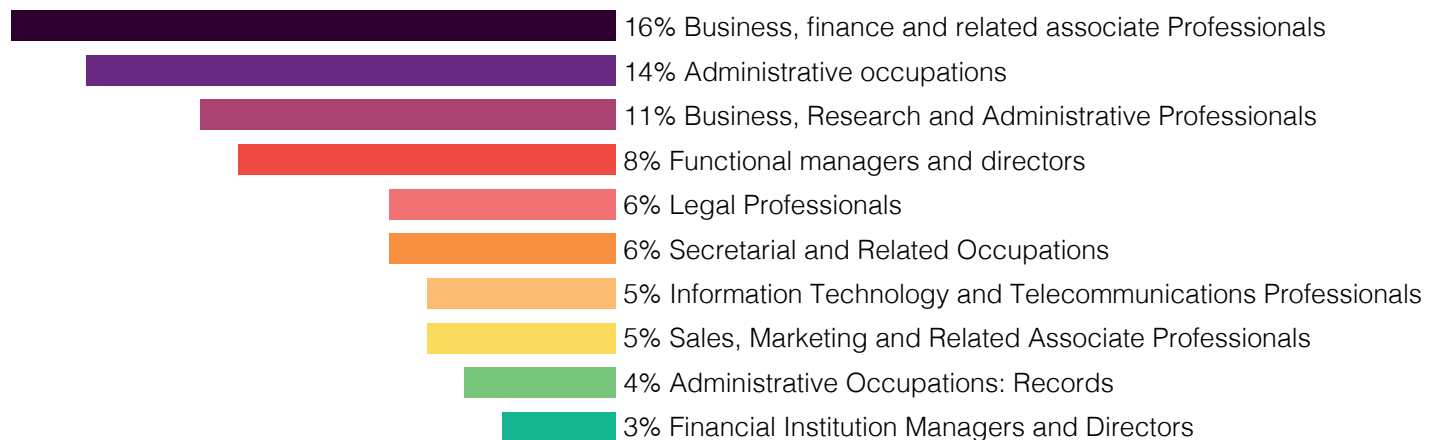
62% of advertised jobs in 2017-18 required a **bachelor's degree**.



EMPLOYMENT AREAS



The main areas of employment within this sector are:



AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE

Business, finance and related associate Professionals	£16.17
Administrative occupations	£11.20
Business, Research and Administrative Professionals	£18.91
Functional managers and directors	£25.71
Legal Professionals	£21.99
Secretarial and Related Occupations	£9.76
Information Technology and Telecommunications Professionals	£19.83
Sales, Marketing and Related Associate Professionals	£16.56
Administrative Occupations: Records	£10.24
Financial Institution Managers and Directors	£25.58

SKILLS IN DEMAND

These soft skills are most commonly requested by employers:

COMMUNICATION

CREATIVITY

ORGANISATIONAL

COLLABORATION

PROBLEM SOLVING

The most requested skills specific to this sector are:

SPECIALIST	
Secretarial skills	Accounting
Administration Support	Teamwork / collaboration
Customer Service	Customer Contact
BASELINE SKILLS	
Business Development	Finance
Data Entry	Sales
Invoice Processing	Payroll Processing
BUSINESS SKILLS	
Microsoft Excel	Organisational skills
Microsoft Office	Time management
Communication skills	Typing



EMPLOYERS

Employers with the most advertised vacancies over the past 12 months in the West of England:

- NHS
- University of Bristol
- University of Bath
- Dac Beachcroft LLP
- Royal Mail
- Bristol Commercial
- University of the West of England
- Burges Salmon LLP
- Alexander Mae
- Lloyds Banking Group
- Mack legal
- Ashley Rees Associates
- South Gloucestershire Council
- Weston College
- Babcock International Ltd
- Signature Ltd
- Chambers Corporation Ltd
- Kingsley Corporation Limited

Sources

- 1) Labour Insights - Data range 2017 / 2018
- 2) West of England LEP
- 3) EMSI - Burning Glass - Data range 2017 / 2018
- 4) Business West Skills Statements 2018

Partners

