

Walsall Job Vacancy Insight Report

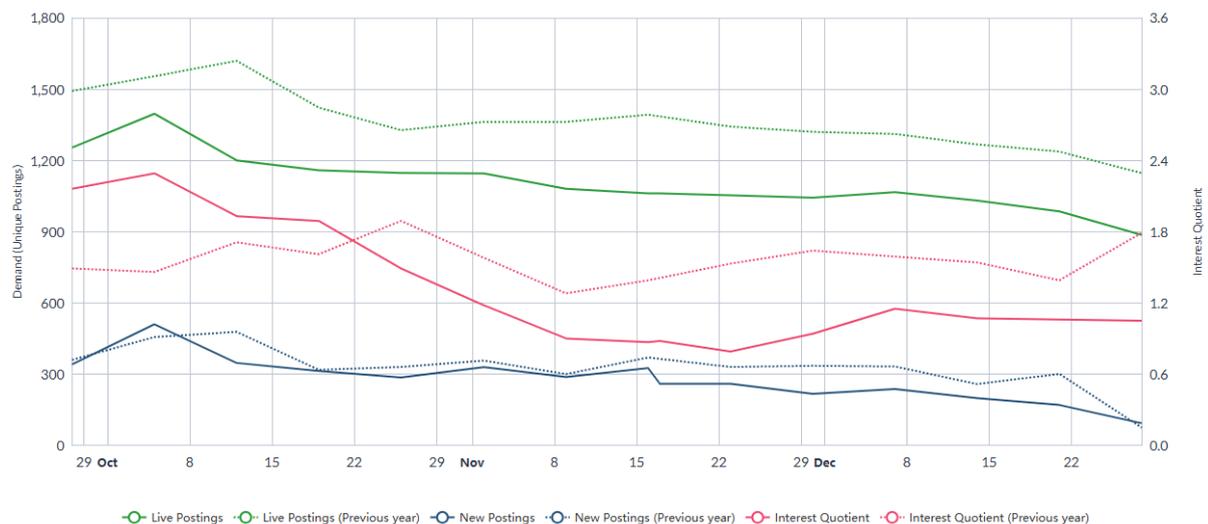
October to December 2025

Current Job Posting Trends¹

Walsall Overview

- Between October to December 2025 (inclusive), there were 4,929 unique job adverts for roles recorded in Walsall. This number of postings is average compared to all local authority districts. Over the past year, this has decreased by 16.3%, compared to a decrease of 6.8% across the UK.
- During this period, there were 3,589 unique job postings. This number of postings is average compared to all local authority districts. Over the past year, this has decreased by 15.8%, compared to a decrease of 4.9% across the UK.

Demand and Interest Trend:



- Comparing the final week of the quarter with the week at the start of the quarter, live postings have decreased by 29.3% while new job postings decreased by 72.7%.
- More recent trends also show a decrease in demand as live postings dropped by 15.1% in the last 30 days of job posting activity, new postings also decreased by 57.1% showing significant decline in labour market demand despite a sharp rise at the start of the period.
- By comparing interest quotient and demand, we can identify where there are mismatches in talent/supply and demand. Interest Quotient is ranked average at 1.3.

¹ Source: All data derived from the Adzuna Analyst Tool (January 2026)

Walsall Advertised Salary

- The advertised median salary for roles over this period in Walsall was £34,962 – up by 1.7% from the previous year but 2.4% less than the overall national median salary of £35,809.

Salary Trend:



Top Occupations

- The top posted occupations below account for 18.9% of all job postings in this quarter.
- Teaching Assistants are the most in demand occupations, receiving the highest number of postings in Walsall.
- Positions for Lorry Driver were the most in demand vacancies from the employee perspective, receiving the highest interest in terms of clicks and applicants.
- Science Teachers (Secondary School) have the highest location quotient and salary.

In-Demand Occupations:

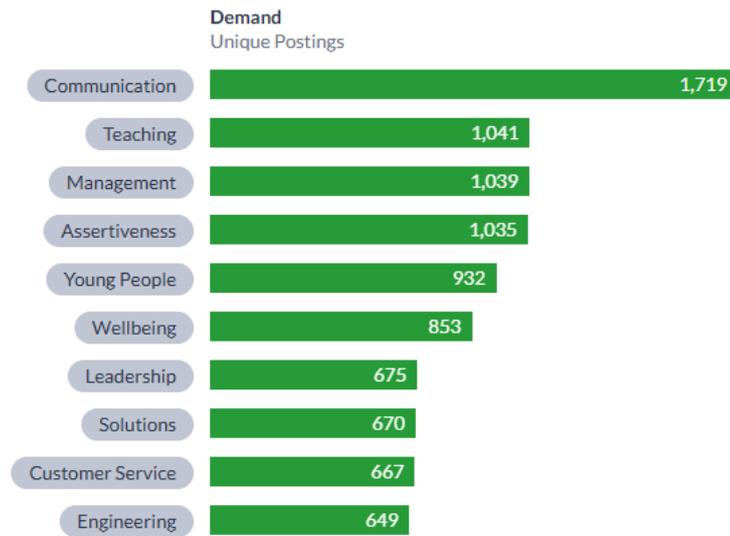
Occupation	Median Salary	Unique Postings	Location Quotient	Interest Quotient
Teaching Assistant	£23,920	118	2.2	18.9
Science Teacher Secondary School	£49,400	84	3.99	1.44
Teacher	£45,500	78	2.4	0
Driver	£37,440	72	1.67	5.77
Lorry Driver	£31,750	62	1.15	12.33
Manager	£35,000	61	0.8	10.25
Assistant	£26,500	57	1.67	6.41
SEN Assistant	£24,700	54	1.47	6.09
Primary School Teacher	£44,200	47	0.77	1.44
English Teacher Secondary School	£45,500	47	2.31	0.64

Most In-Demand Skills

- Reflecting the most advertised occupations, the biggest skills gaps are around ‘communication’, ‘teaching’ and ‘management’.

In-Demand Skills:

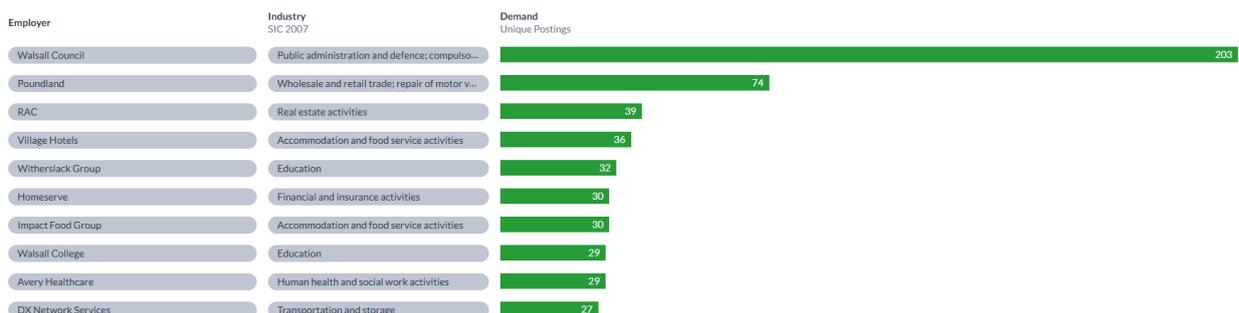
Skills most requested in postings in Walsall, 01/10/2025 - 31/12/2025



Who's Hiring

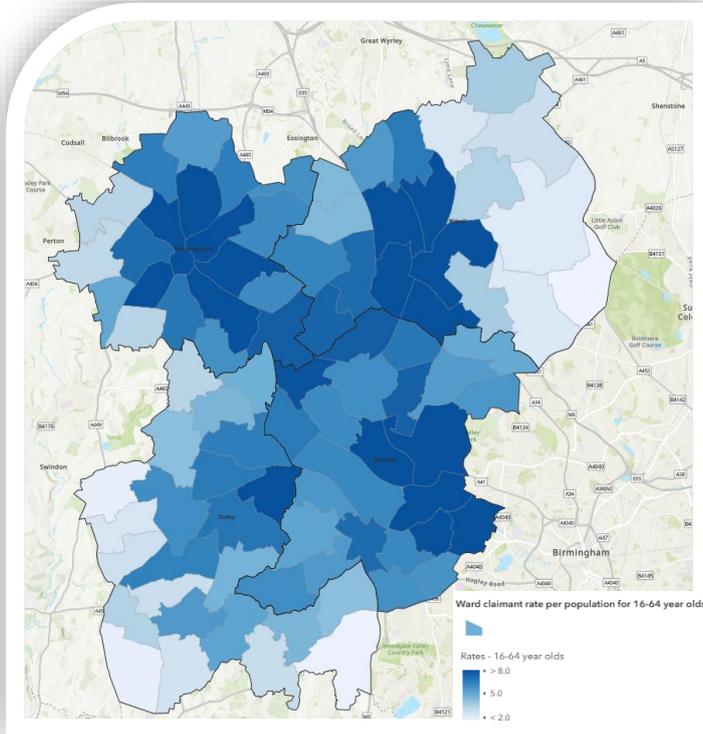
- Over the quarter Walsall Council logged the most job postings, followed by Poundland.

Employers Hiring:



Walsall Total Claimants²

- Walsall had 10,240 claimants aged 16 years and over in December 2025, a decrease of 20 (-0.2%) claimants from the previous month. Compared to December 2024, claimants in Walsall decreased by 725 (-6.6%).



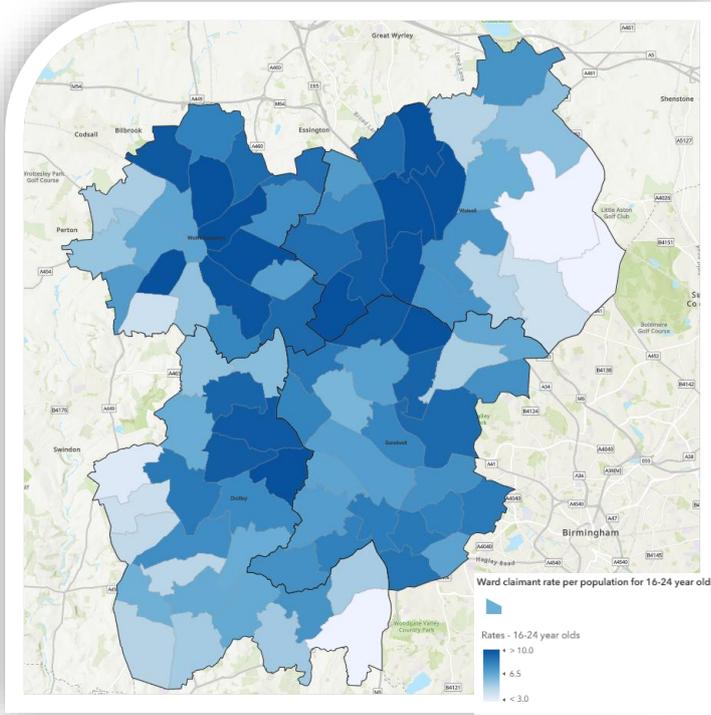
Walsall Wards	Number	Rate
Aldridge Central and South	195	2.5%
Aldridge North and Walsall Wood	240	3.1%
Bentley and Darlaston North	635	7.2%
Birchills Leamore	845	8.4%
Blakenall	875	8.8%
Bloxwich East	510	6.7%
Bloxwich West	485	5.7%
Brownhills	325	3.9%
Darlaston South	770	7.4%
Paddock	315	3.9%
Palfrey	970	8.9%
Pelsall	180	2.7%
Pheseay Park Farm	175	2.6%
Pleck	995	9.6%
Rushall-Shelfield	275	3.7%
St Matthew's	950	8.2%
Short Heath	310	4.6%
Streetly	125	1.6%
Willenhall North	350	4.6%
Willenhall South	715	6.4%

- Out of the 20 wards within Walsall, 14 were at or above the UK average of 3.9%.
- The wards with the highest number of claimants as a percentage of residents aged 16 years and over were Pleck at 9.6%, Palfrey at 8.9% and Blakenall at 8.8%.

² Office for National Statistics (ONS) / Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), claimant counts, released January 2026.

Walsall Youth Claimants

- Walsall had 2,425 youth claimants in December 2025, a decrease of 10 youth claimants (-0.4%) compared to the previous month. When compared to December 2024, the number of youth claimants increased by 120 (+5.2%).



Walsall Wards	Number	Rate
Aldridge Central and South	35	2.9%
Aldridge North and Walsall Wood	70	5.8%
Bentley and Darlaston North	150	9.6%
Birchills Leamore	205	11.2%
Blakenall	240	12.5%
Bloxwich East	150	10.8%
Bloxwich West	125	9.0%
Brownhills	100	7.5%
Darlaston South	195	10.5%
Paddock	70	4.9%
Palfrey	175	7.6%
Pelsall	50	4.9%
Pheasey Park Farm	45	4.2%
Pleck	205	10.0%
Rushall-Shelfield	75	6.5%
St Matthew's	160	7.6%
Short Heath	85	8.0%
Streetly	20	1.9%
Willenhall North	95	7.3%
Willenhall South	165	9.0%

- Challenges remain with youth claimants as 17 out of 20 wards in Walsall were above the UK average of 4.5% in December 2025.
- The wards with the highest number of claimants as a percentage of residents aged 16-24 were Blakenall at 12.5%, Birchills Leamore at 11.2% and Bloxwich East at 10.8%.