

Wolverhampton Job Vacancy Insight Report

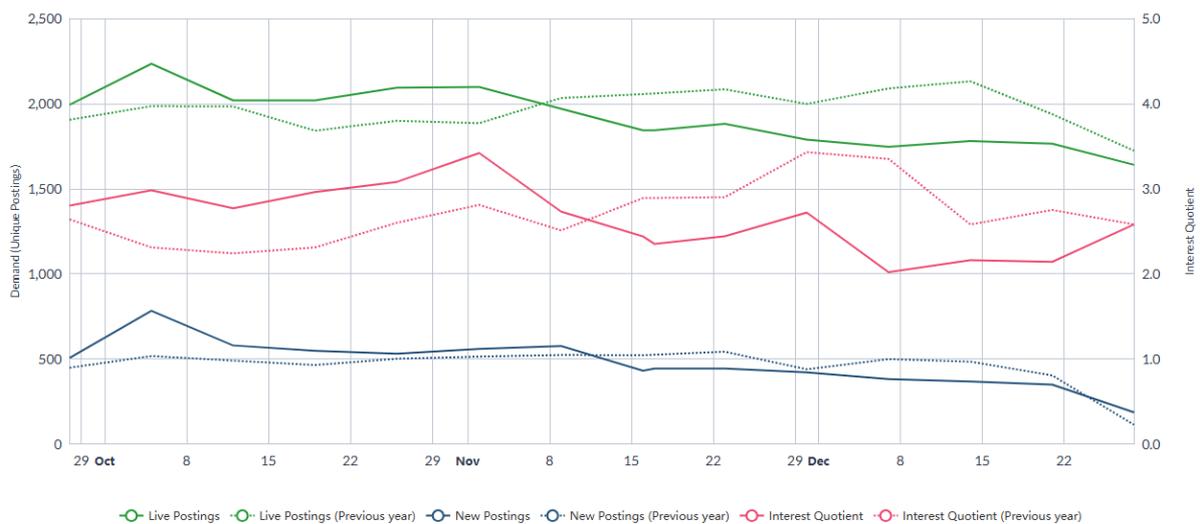
October to December 2025

Current Job Posting Trends¹

Wolverhampton Overview

- Between October to December 2025 (inclusive), there were 8,294 unique job adverts for roles recorded in Wolverhampton. This number of postings is high compared to all local authority districts. Over the past year, this has increased by 2.1%, compared to a decrease of 6.8% across the UK.
- During this period, there were 6,164 unique job postings. This number of postings is high compared to all local authority districts. Over the past year, this has increased by 2.3%, 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 adverts decreased by 17.7% while new job postings decreased by 63.2%, indicating a decline in labour market demand.
- More recent trends show a drop in demand as live postings decreased by 8.3% in the last 30 days of job posting activity, new postings also decreased by 55.8%. Despite a sharp rise in job postings at the start of the quarter, labour market demand was in decline through the rest 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 high at 2.7.

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

Wolverhampton Advertised Salary

- The advertised median salary for roles over this period in Wolverhampton was £35,608 – up by 3.3% from the previous year but 0.9% below the overall national median salary of £35,920.

Salary Trend:



Top Occupations

- The top posted occupations below account for 17.6% of all job postings in this quarter.
- Teaching Assistants are the most in demand occupations, receiving the highest number of postings in the area, closely followed by Science Teachers (Secondary School).
- Positions for Lorry Drivers were the most in demand vacancies from the employee perspective, receiving the highest interest in terms of clicks and applicants.
- Product Quality Inspectors have the highest location quotient while Science Teachers (Secondary School) have the highest salary.

In-Demand Occupations:

Occupation	Median Salary	Unique Postings	Location Quotient	Interest Quotient
Teaching Assistant	£24,050	146	1.62	5.1
Science Teacher Secondary School	£53,300	142	4.01	0.79
Lorry Driver	£39,304	119	1.31	28.34
Driver	£38,084	117	1.61	14.97
Teacher	£45,630	115	2.1	0.45
Manager	£38,272	115	0.9	6.46
General Nurse	£42,169	92	2.48	8.39
SEN Assistant	£24,700	91	1.47	3.29
Product Quality Inspector	£42,500	75	5.72	4.76
Engineer	£37,000	73	0.88	2.95

Most In-Demand Skills

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

In-Demand Skills:

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



Who's Hiring

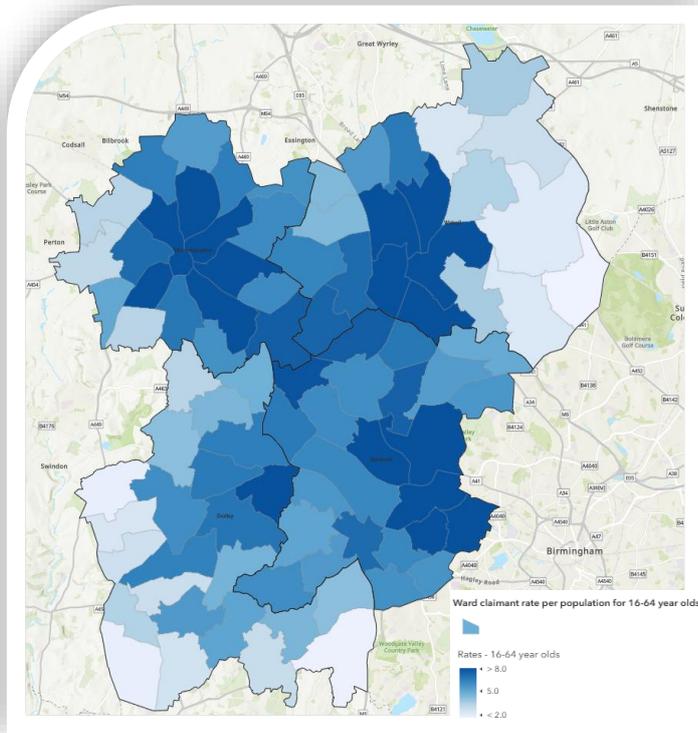
- By volume City of Wolverhampton Council have logged the most job postings, followed by Safran.

Employers Hiring:



Wolverhampton Total Claimants²

- Wolverhampton had 11,670 claimants aged 16 years and over in December 2025, an increase of 100 (+0.9%) claimants from the previous month. Compared to December 2024, claimants in Wolverhampton decreased by 935 (-7.4%).



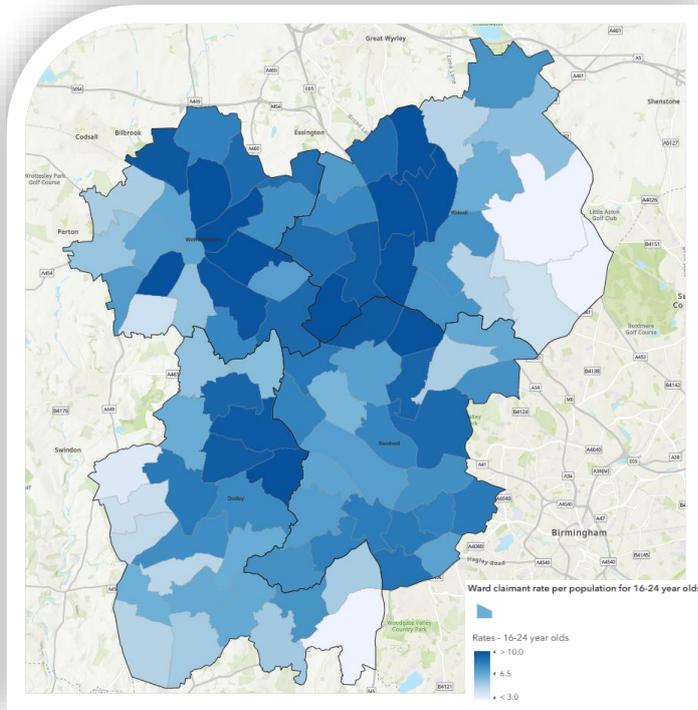
Wolverhampton Wards	Number	Rate
Bilston East	695	7.6%
Bilston North	465	6.2%
Blakenhall	550	6.8%
Bushbury North	410	5.6%
Bushbury South and Low Hill	895	8.7%
East Park	765	9.4%
Ettingshall	960	9.1%
Fallings Park	485	6.6%
Graiseley	725	8.4%
Heath Town	930	8.6%
Merry Hill	370	5.2%
Oxley	525	6.6%
Park	630	7.2%
Penn	260	3.6%
St Peter's	1,295	11.8%
Spring Vale	445	6.0%
Tettenhall Regis	250	3.6%
Tettenhall Wightwick	205	3.4%
Wednesfield North	375	6.0%
Wednesfield South	440	6.2%

- Out of the 20 wards within Wolverhampton, 17 were 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 St Peter's at 11.8% followed by East Park at 9.4% and Ettingshall at 9.1%.

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

Wolverhampton Youth Claimants

- Wolverhampton had 2,365 youth claimants in December 2025, a decrease of 5 (+0.2%) youth claimants since the previous month. When compared to December 2024, the number of youth claimants increased by 40 (+1.7%).



Wolverhampton Wards	Number	Rate
Bilston East	160	9.1%
Bilston North	95	7.1%
Blakenhall	80	5.7%
Bushbury North	90	8.2%
Bushbury South and Low Hill	225	10.4%
East Park	180	13.1%
Ettingshall	185	9.8%
Fallings Park	115	9.1%
Graiseley	145	11.3%
Heath Town	180	10.2%
Merry Hill	85	7.3%
Oxley	125	9.7%
Park	85	6.9%
Penn	45	4.2%
St Peter's	170	6.9%
Spring Vale	110	8.1%
Tettenhall Regis	55	5.2%
Tettenhall Wightwick	45	5.6%
Wednesfield North	90	8.9%
Wednesfield South	90	7.8%

- Challenges remain with youth claimants as out of 20 wards in Wolverhampton, 19 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 East Park at 13.1%, followed by Graiseley at 11.3% and Bushbury South & Low Hill at 10.4%.