

# Dudley Job Vacancy Insight Report

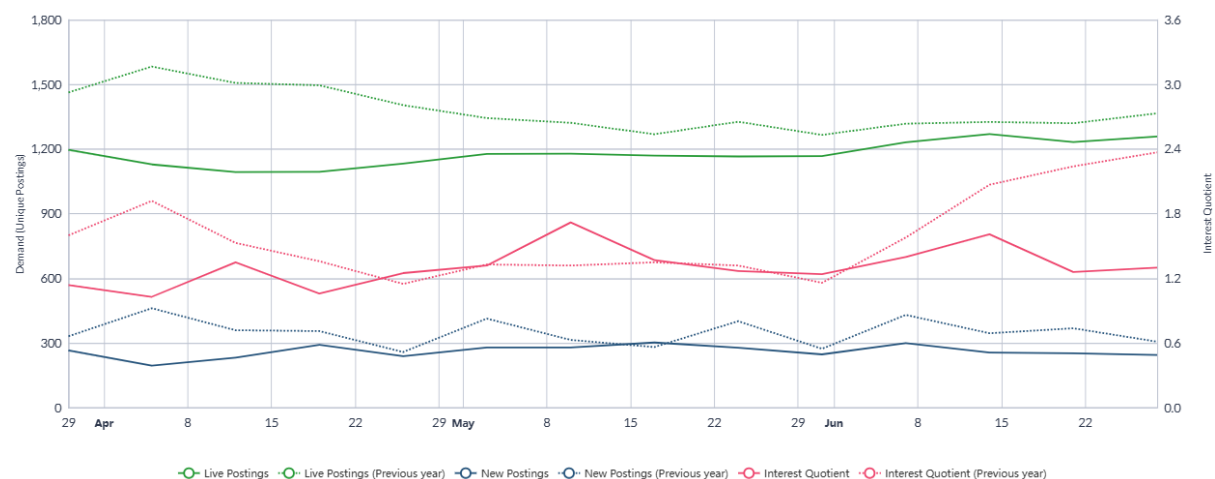
April to June 2026

## Current Job Posting Trends<sup>1</sup>

### Dudley Overview

- Between April to June 2026 (inclusive), there were 4,672 unique job postings for roles recorded in Dudley. This number of postings is average compared to all local authority districts. Over the past year, this has decreased by 24.1%, compared to a decrease of 21.8% across the UK.
- During this period, there were 3,422 new job postings. This number of postings is average compared to all local authority districts. Over the past year, this has decreased by 25.4% compared to a decrease of 24.1% nationally.

### Demand and Interest Trend:



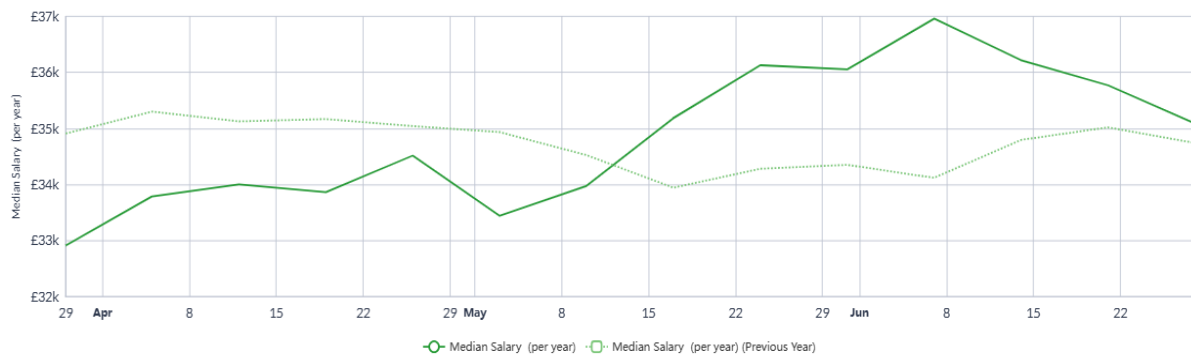
- Comparing the final week of the quarter with the week at the start of the quarter, live postings have increased by 5.2%, while new job postings decreased by 8.2%. This shows a general uptrend in live postings following a decline at the start of the quarter, while conversely new postings had a general downtrend throughout the period.
- More recent trends show that live postings increased by 7.8% in the last 30 days of job posting activity, while new postings decreased by 1.2% showing a decline in labour market demand at the end of the quarter.
- 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.

<sup>1</sup> Source: All data derived from the Adzuna Analyst Tool (August 2026)

## Dudley Advertised Salary

- The advertised median salary for roles over this period in Dudley was £33,638 – down by 2.6% from the previous year and 9.0% less than the overall national median salary of £36,985.

### Salary Trend:



## Top Occupations

- The top posted occupations below account for 14.0% of all job postings in this quarter.
- Social Care Worker was the most in demand occupation, reporting the highest number of postings in Dudley.
- Driver was the occupation with the most in demand vacancies from the employee perspective, receiving the highest interest in terms of clicks and applicants.
- Science Teacher Secondary School had the highest location quotient and the highest salary.

### In-Demand Occupations:

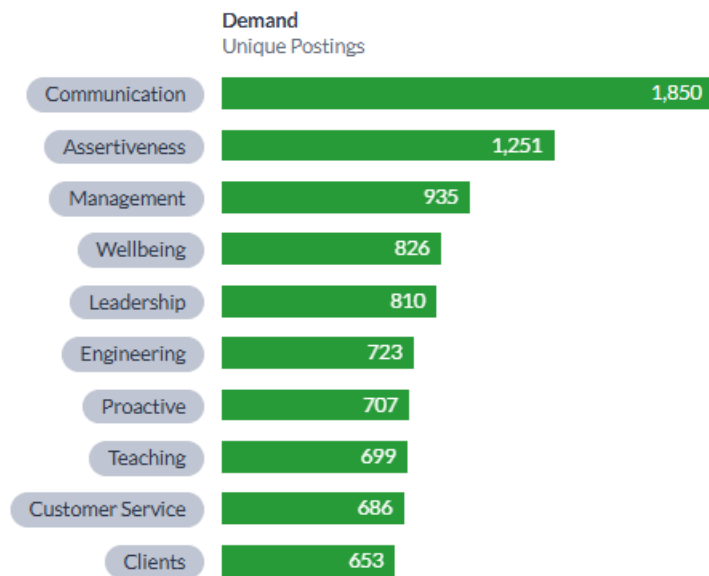
| Occupation                       | Median Salary | Unique Postings | Location Quotient | Interest Quotient |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Social Care Worker               | £26,694       | 108             | 1.88              | 30.92             |
| Science Teacher Secondary School | £53,300       | 90              | 4.6               | 2.73              |
| Driver                           | £35,360       | 90              | 2.15              | 32.55             |
| Healthcare Support Worker        | £26,665       | 62              | 1.42              | 15.28             |
| Lorry Driver                     | £36,366       | 55              | 1.05              | 16.73             |
| Shop Manager                     | £33,500       | 52              | 2.54              | 9.46              |
| Teacher                          | £42,900       | 51              | 1.59              | 2.18              |
| Manager                          | £41,500       | 51              | 0.69              | 7.09              |
| English Teacher Secondary School | £45,000       | 48              | 2.52              | 1.82              |
| SEN Assistant                    | £26,000       | 47              | 1.52              | 6                 |

## Most In-Demand Skills

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

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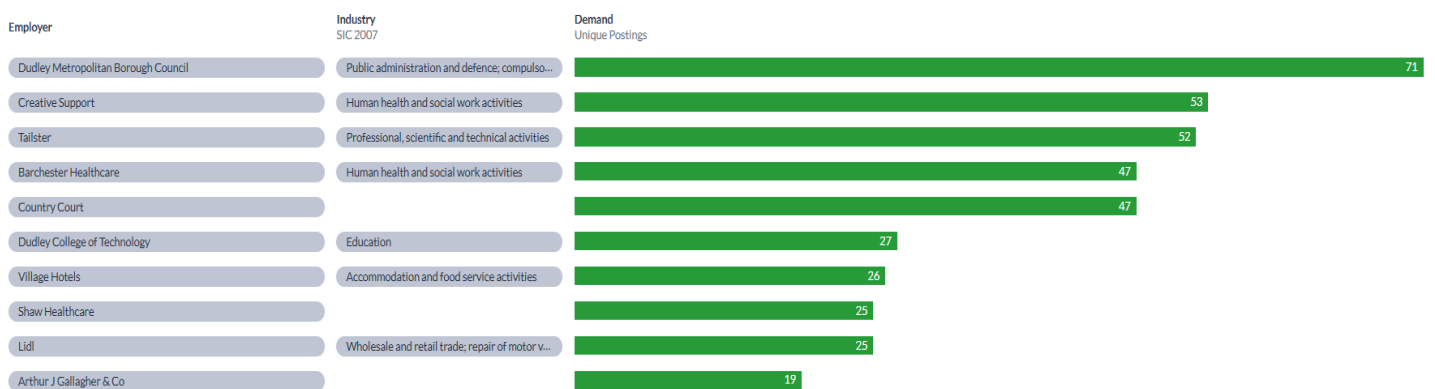
Skills most requested in postings in Dudley, 01/04/2026 - 30/06/2026



## Who's Hiring

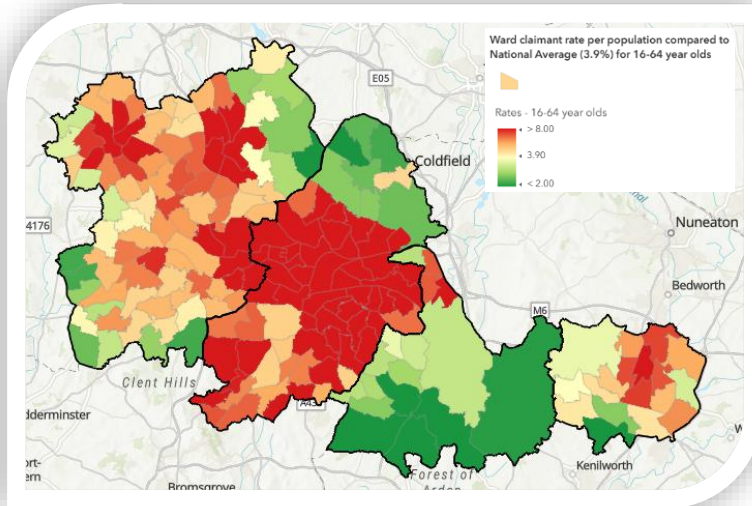
- By volume, Dudley Council have logged the most job postings, followed by Creative Support and Tailster.

## Employers Hiring:



## Dudley Total Claimants<sup>2</sup>

- Dudley had 9,150 claimants aged 16 years and over in June 2026, a decrease of 60 claimants (-0.7%) compared to the previous month. Compared to June 2025, claimants in Dudley decreased by 305 (-3.2%).



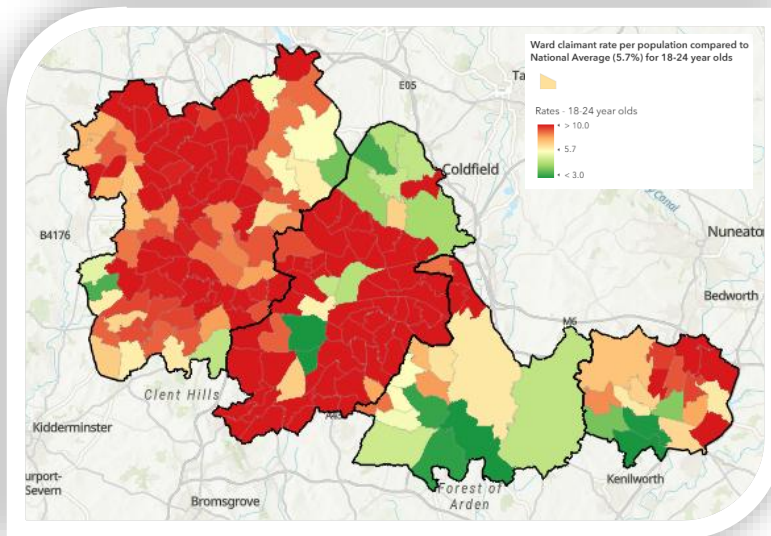
| Dudley Wards                    | Number | Rate |
|---------------------------------|--------|------|
| Amblecote                       | 250    | 3.1% |
| Belle Vale                      | 375    | 4.5% |
| Brierley Hill & Wordsley South  | 625    | 6.1% |
| Brockmoor & Pensnett            | 525    | 5.5% |
| Castle & Priory                 | 595    | 5.8% |
| Coseley                         | 390    | 4.4% |
| Cradley North & Wollescote      | 410    | 4.8% |
| Gornal                          | 320    | 4.1% |
| Halesowen North                 | 355    | 4.2% |
| Halesowen South                 | 165    | 2.4% |
| Hayley Green & Cradley South    | 215    | 2.9% |
| Kingswinford North & Wall Heath | 140    | 2.1% |
| Kingswinford South              | 165    | 2.3% |
| Lye & Stourbridge North         | 535    | 6.3% |
| Netherton & Holly Hall          | 625    | 6.3% |
| Norton                          | 155    | 2.4% |
| Pedmore & Stourbridge East      | 225    | 3.3% |
| Quarry Bank & Dudley Wood       | 410    | 4.8% |
| Sedgley                         | 290    | 3.6% |
| St. James's                     | 645    | 6.7% |
| St. Thomas's                    | 875    | 7.7% |
| Upper Gornal & Woodsetton       | 330    | 4.2% |
| Wollaston & Stourbridge Town    | 325    | 3.9% |
| Wordsley North                  | 210    | 2.7% |

- Out of the 24 wards within Dudley, 15 were above the UK average of 3.8%.
- The wards with the highest number of claimants as a percentage of residents aged 16 years and over were St Thomas's at 7.7%, followed by St James's at 6.7% and Lye & Stourbridge North at 6.3%.

<sup>2</sup> Office for National Statistics (ONS) / Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), claimant counts, released August 2026

## Dudley Youth Claimants

Dudley had 2,000 youth claimants in June 2026, a decrease of 25 (-1.2%) compared to the previous month. When compared to June 2025, the number of youth claimants increased by 165 (+9.0%).



| Dudley Wards                    | Number | Rate |
|---------------------------------|--------|------|
| Amblecote                       | 60     | 4.7% |
| Belle Vale                      | 85     | 6.1% |
| Brierley Hill & Wordsley South  | 135    | 7.9% |
| Brockmoor & Pensnett            | 120    | 8.3% |
| Castle & Priory                 | 165    | 8.9% |
| Coseley                         | 80     | 5.6% |
| Cradley North & Wollescote      | 80     | 6.0% |
| Gornal                          | 70     | 6.3% |
| Halesowen North                 | 65     | 5.0% |
| Halesowen South                 | 30     | 3.0% |
| Hayley Green & Cradley South    | 45     | 3.7% |
| Kingswinford North & Wall Heath | 40     | 4.0% |
| Kingswinford South              | 30     | 2.7% |
| Lye & Stourbridge North         | 100    | 6.9% |
| Netherton & Holly Hall          | 125    | 7.1% |
| Norton                          | 40     | 4.4% |
| Pedmore & Stourbridge East      | 50     | 5.0% |
| Quarry Bank & Dudley Wood       | 85     | 6.3% |
| Sedgley                         | 65     | 5.6% |
| St. James's                     | 125    | 8.5% |
| St. Thomas's                    | 195    | 8.6% |
| Upper Gornal & Woodsetton       | 80     | 6.8% |
| Wollaston & Stourbridge Town    | 80     | 6.7% |
| Wordsley North                  | 50     | 4.7% |

- Challenges remain with youth claimants as 19 out of 24 wards in Dudley were above the UK average of 4.4% in June 2026.
- The wards with the highest number of claimants as a percentage of residents aged 16-24 were Castle & Priory at 8.9%, St Thomas's at 8.6%, and St James's at 8.5%.