

Sandwell Job Vacancy Insight Report

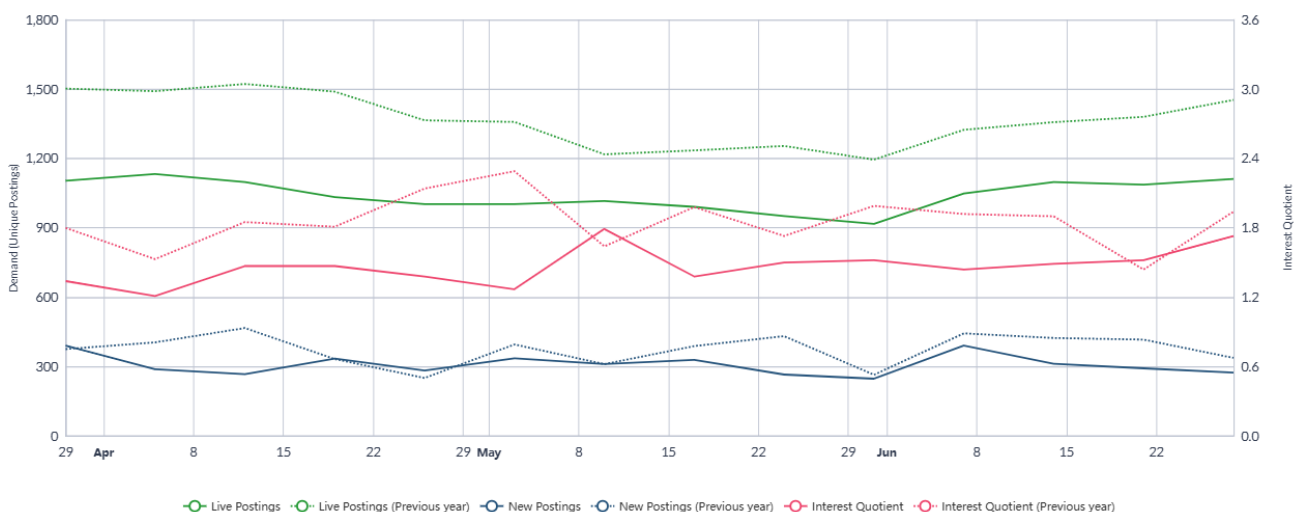
April to June 2026

Current Job Posting Trends¹

Sandwell Overview

- Between April to June 2026 (inclusive), there were 5,142 unique job adverts for roles recorded in Sandwell. This number of postings is high compared to all local authority districts. Over the past year, this has decreased by 21.3%, compared to a decrease of 21.8% across the UK.
- During this period, there were 3,951 new job postings. This number of postings is high compared to all local authority districts. Over the past year, this has decreased by 19.0%, compared to a decrease of 24.1% nationally.

Demand and Interest Trend:



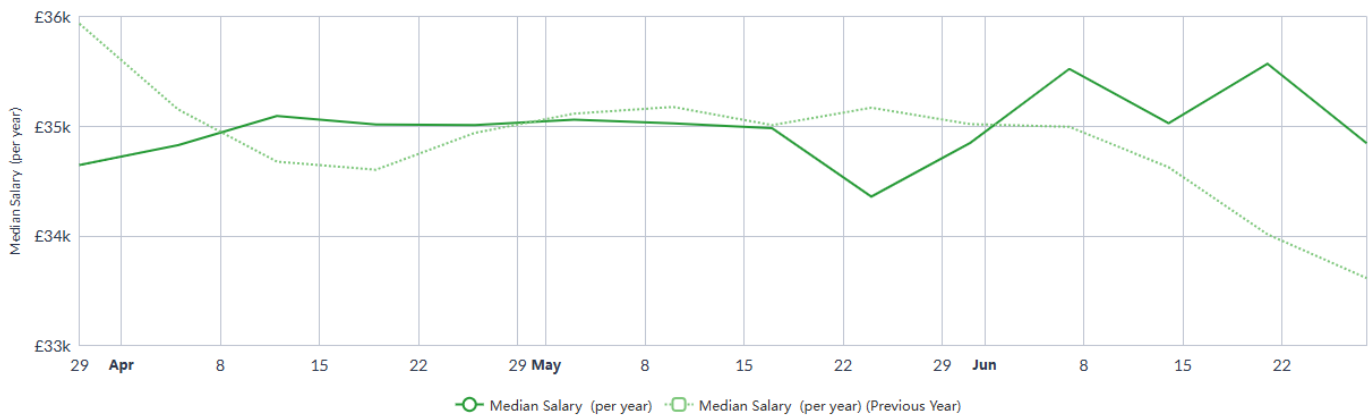
- Comparing the final week of the quarter with the week at the start of the quarter, live postings adverts have increased by 0.7% while new job postings have decreased by 29.9%. This shows a drop in demand in job postings through this quarter.
- More recent trends also show that live postings increased by 21.3% in the last 30 days of job posting activity and new postings increased by 10.5% showing a sharp rise in job demand at the end of the period following a decline from 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 high at 1.5.

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

Sandwell Advertised Salary

- The advertised median salary for roles over this period in Sandwell was £35,070– up by 0.7% from the previous year and 5.2% less than the overall national median salary of £36,985.

Salary Trend:



Top Occupations

- The top posted occupations below account for 15.7% of all job postings in this quarter.
- Lorry Drivers was the most in demand occupation, receiving the highest number of postings in the area.
- Positions for Lorry Drivers were also the most in demand vacancies from the employee perspective, receiving the highest interest in terms of clicks and applicants.
- Operators have the highest location quotient and Primary School Teachers have the highest salary.

In-Demand Occupations:

Occupation	Median Salary	Unique Postings	Location Quotient	Interest Quotient
Lorry Driver	£35,031	151	2.63	38.71
Driver	£35,000	110	2.39	24.53
Teaching Assistant	£25,090	83	1.75	9.24
Operator	£31,299	81	3.03	14.5
Manager	£40,000	79	0.96	9.24
Social Care Worker	£27,050	65	1.03	11.79
Teacher	£41,982	64	1.82	1.12
Primary School Teacher	£44,850	63	0.94	2.07
SEN Assistant	£24,960	58	1.71	3.19
Maintenance Engineer	£42,800	51	2.12	3.03

Most In-Demand Skills

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

In-Demand Skills:

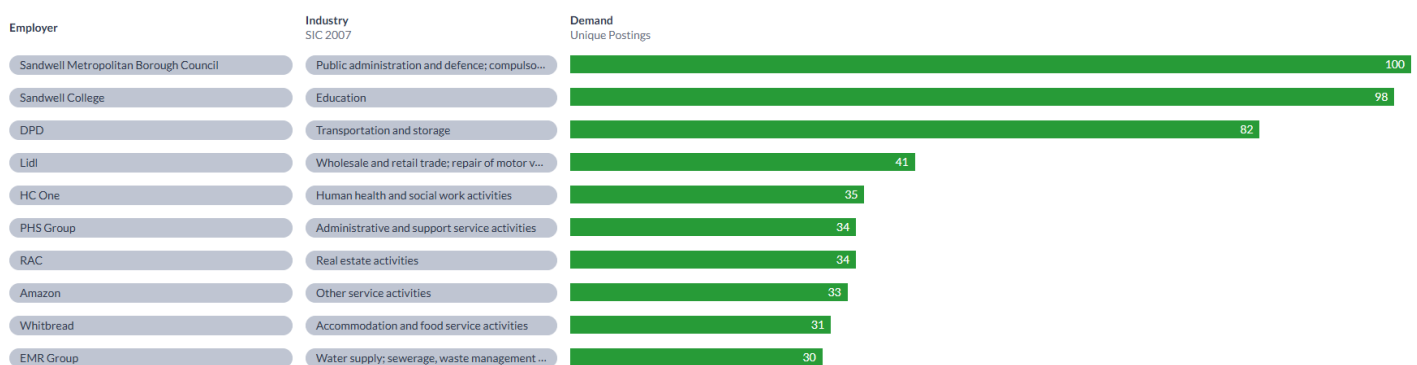
Skills most requested in postings in Sandwell, 01/04/2026 - 30/06/2026



Who's Hiring

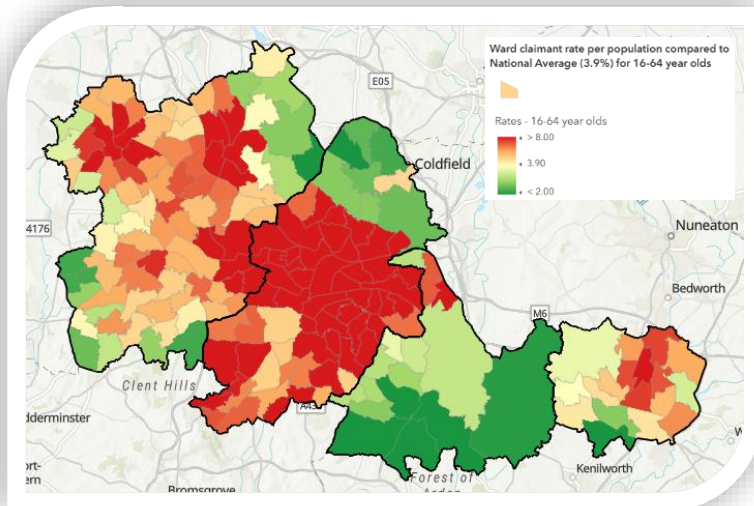
- By volume Sandwell Council have logged the most job postings, followed by Sandwell College and DPD.

Employers Hiring:



Sandwell Total Claimants²

- Sandwell had 14,680 claimants aged 16 years and over in June 2026, a decrease of 45 (-0.3%) claimants from the previous month. Compared to June 2025, claimants in Sandwell decreased by 755 (-4.9%).



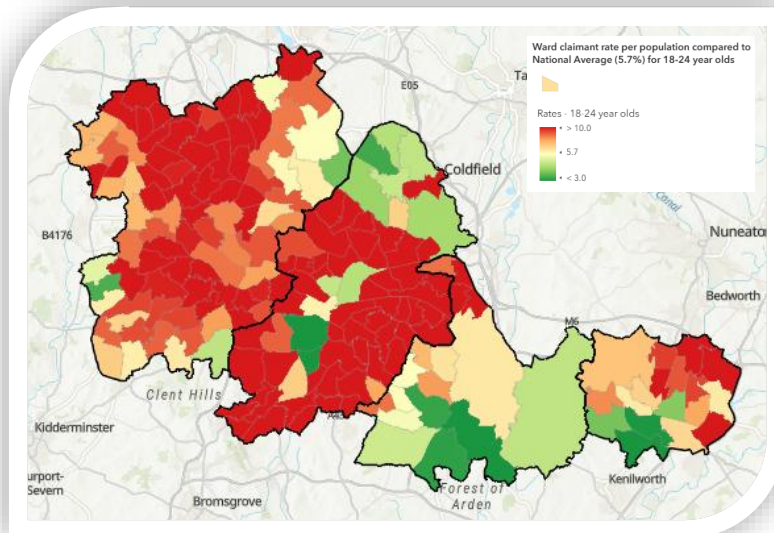
Sandwell Wards	Number	Rate
Abbey	520	6.2%
Blackheath	425	5.6%
Bristnall	460	5.8%
Charlemont with Grove Vale	405	4.9%
Cradley Heath and Old Hill	545	5.7%
Friar Park	520	6.7%
Great Barr with Yew Tree	420	5.1%
Great Bridge	550	5.8%
Greets Green and Lyng	800	7.9%
Hateley Heath	700	6.8%
Langley	645	6.8%
Newton	410	5.3%
Old Warley	435	5.5%
Oldbury	630	5.9%
Princes End	640	7.3%
Rowley	420	5.0%
Smethwick	810	7.9%
Soho and Victoria	1245	9.1%
St Pauls	945	7.9%
Tipton Green	615	6.2%
Tividale	460	5.7%
Wednesbury North	575	6.9%
Wednesbury South	545	5.5%
West Bromwich Central	955	8.7%

- Out of the 24 wards within Sandwell, all 24 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 Soho and Victoria at 9.1%, West Bromwich Central at 8.7% and Greets Green & Lyng at 7.9%.

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

Sandwell Youth Claimants

- Sandwell had 2,955 youth claimants in June 2026, this is a decrease of 35 (-1.2%) youth claimants since the previous month. When compared to June 2025, the number of youth claimants increased by 5 (+0.2%).



Sandwell Wards	Number	Rate
Abbey	90	7.2%
Blackheath	100	8.1%
Bristnall	105	8.0%
Charlemont with Grove Vale	75	5.1%
Cradley Heath and Old Hill	110	6.9%
Friar Park	115	8.2%
Great Barr with Yew Tree	90	7.2%
Great Bridge	110	6.6%
Greets Green and Lyng	135	6.2%
Hateley Heath	165	8.3%
Langley	145	9.1%
Newton	85	6.5%
Old Warley	110	8.7%
Oldbury	115	6.3%
Princes End	150	9.4%
Rowley	105	7.4%
Smethwick	150	7.0%
Soho and Victoria	210	7.3%
St Pauls	165	6.1%
Tipton Green	120	6.9%
Tividale	105	7.4%
Wednesbury North	120	8.0%
Wednesbury South	110	6.2%
West Bromwich Central	155	7.2%

- Challenges remain with youth claimants as all 24 wards in Sandwell 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 Old Warley at 9.4%, followed by Langley at 9.1% and Old Warley at 8.7%.