

Walsall Job Vacancy Insight Report

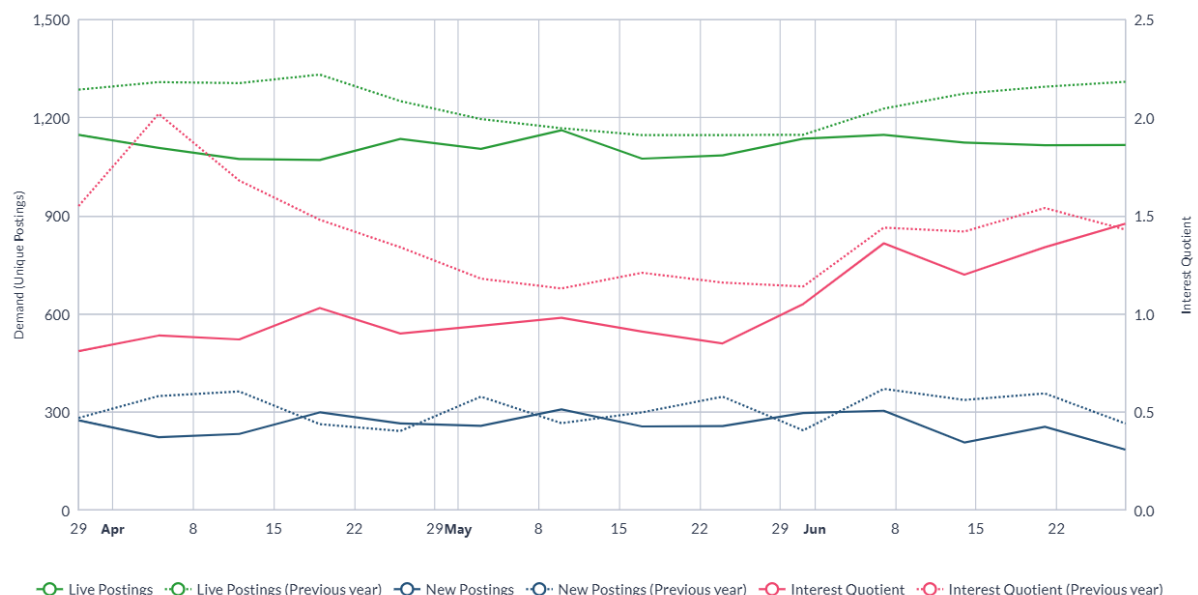
April to June 2026

Current Job Posting Trends¹

Walsall Overview

- Between April to June 2026 (inclusive), there were 4,565 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 -16.5%, compared to a decrease of 21.8% across the UK.
- During this period, there were 3,366 unique job postings. This number of postings is average compared to all local authority districts. Over the past year, this has decreased by 17.1%, compared to a decrease of 24.1% across the UK.

Demand and Interest Trend:



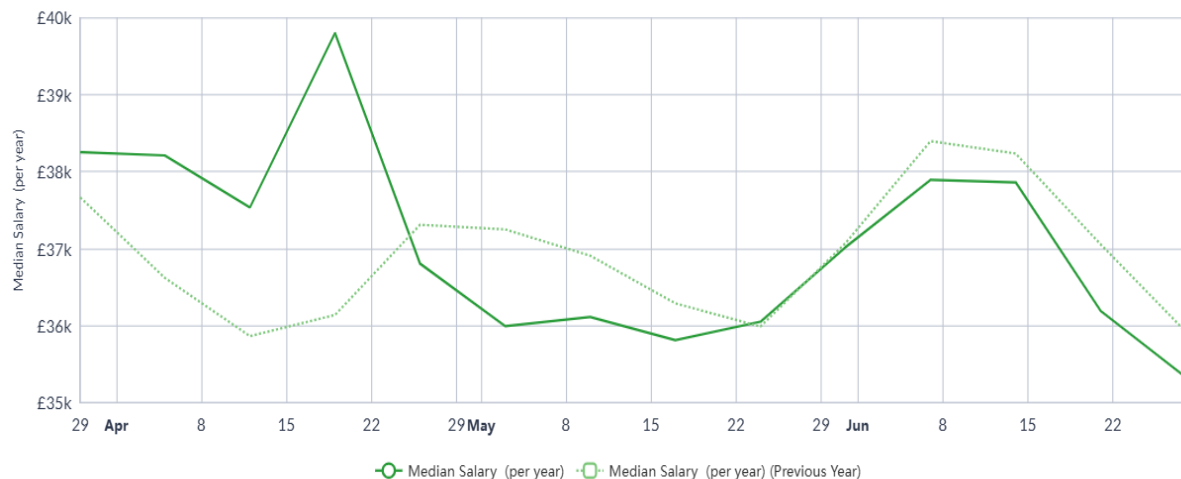
- Comparing the final week of the quarter with the week at the start of the quarter, live postings have decreased by 2.7% and new job postings decreased by 32.7%. This shows a general decline in job demand over the quarter.
- More recent trends show that live postings decreased by 1.7% in the last 30 days of job posting activity and new postings decreased by 37.7% showing significant decline in labour market demand at the end 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 1.1.

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

Walsall Advertised Salary

- The advertised median salary for roles over this period in Walsall was £36,528 – up by 1.4% from the previous year but 1.2% less than the overall national median salary of £36,985.

Salary Trend:



Top Occupations

- The top posted occupations below account for 16.1% of all job postings in this quarter.
- Lorry driver was the most in demand occupation, 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:

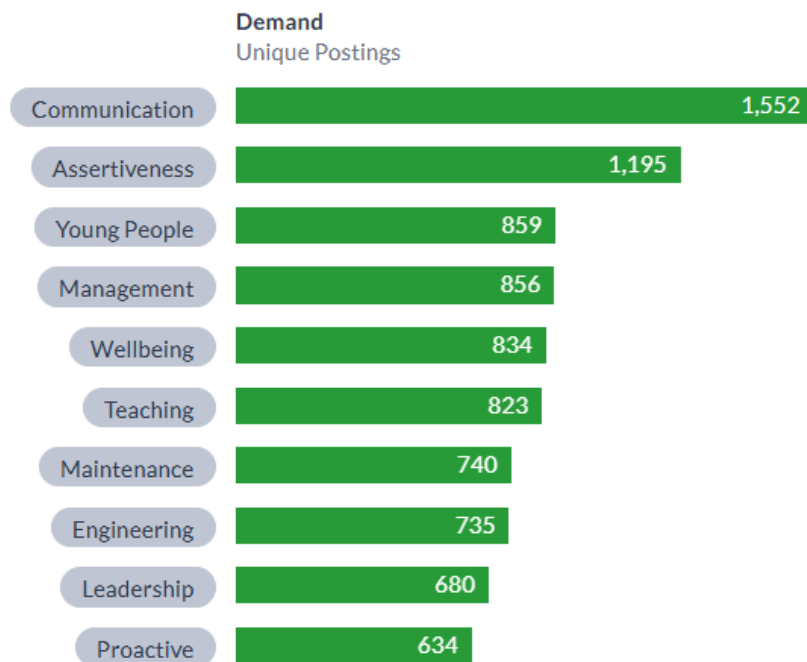
Occupation	Median Salary	Unique Postings	Location Quotient	Interest Quotient
Lorry Driver	£35,533	126	2.47	30.32
Teaching Assistant	£25,609	92	2.19	6.6
Teacher	£42,900	88	2.82	5.16
Maintenance Engineer	£50,000	77	3.61	8.04
Science Teacher Secondary School	£55,250	76	3.98	1.65
Manager	£33,800	61	0.84	7.84
Driver	£35,991	58	1.42	11.76
SEN Assistant	£25,029	53	1.76	6.81
Primary School Teacher	£44,850	52	0.88	1.86
Assistant	£30,825	51	1.5	10.73

Most In-Demand Skills

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

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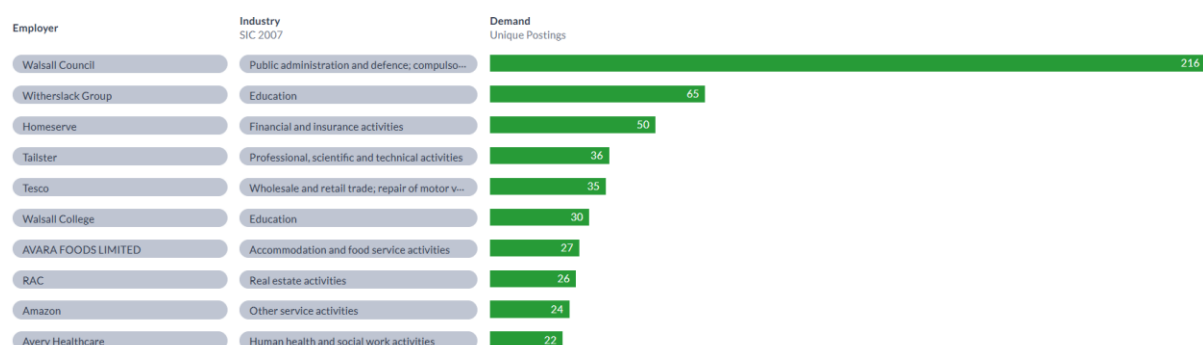
Skills most requested in postings in Walsall, 01/04/2026 - 30/06/2026



Who's Hiring

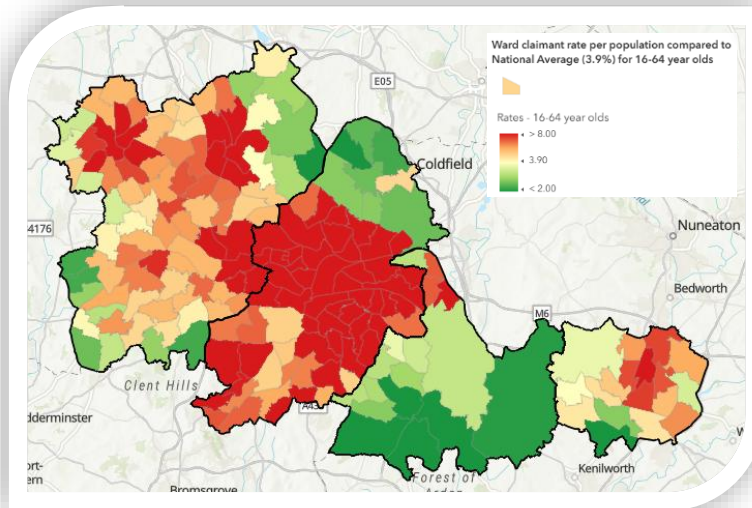
- Over the quarter Walsall Council logged the most job postings, followed by Witherslack Group and Homeserve.

Employers Hiring:



Walsall Total Claimants²

- Walsall had 10,505 claimants aged 16 years and over in June 2026, an increase of 15 (+0.1%) claimants from the previous month. Compared to June 2025, claimants in Walsall decreased by 260 (-2.4%).



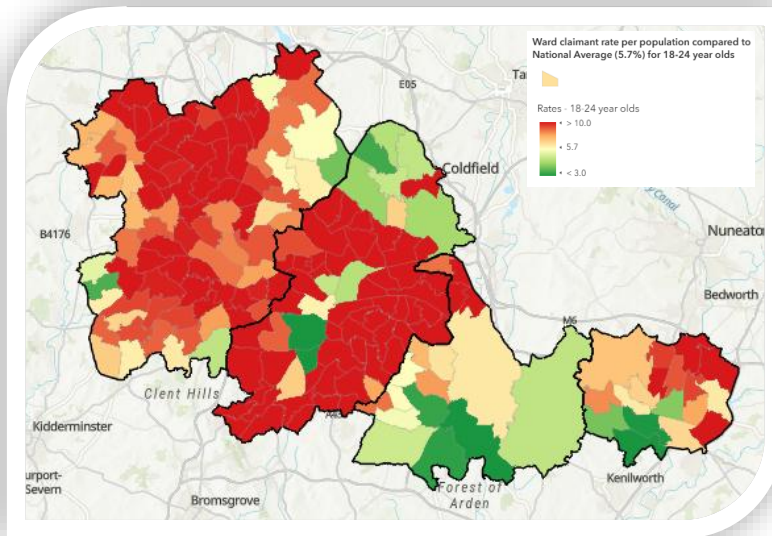
Walsall Wards	Number	Rate
Aldridge Central and South	225	2.9%
Aldridge North and Walsall Wood	235	3.1%
Bentley and Darlaston North	620	6.8%
Birchills Leamore	905	8.4%
Blakenall	875	7.8%
Bloxwich East	530	6.5%
Bloxwich West	460	5.6%
Brownhills	340	4.1%
Darlaston South	805	7.0%
Paddock	305	3.7%
Palfrey	940	8.2%
Pelsall	185	2.8%
Pheasey Park Farm	210	2.9%
Pleck	1,000	8.8%
Rushall-Shelfield	295	3.9%
Short Heath	325	4.6%
St Matthew's	980	8.1%
Streetly	125	1.6%
Willenhall North	375	4.9%
Willenhall South	755	6.4%

- Out of the 20 wards within Walsall, 13 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 Pleck at 8.8%, followed by Birchills Leamore at 8.4% and Palfrey at 8.2%.

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

Walsall Youth Claimants

- Walsall had 2,485 youth claimants in June 2026, an increase of 5 youth claimants (+0.2%) compared to the previous month. When compared to June 2025, the number of youth claimants increased by 120 (+5.3%).



Walsall Wards	Number	Rate
Aldridge Central and South	45	3.8%
Aldridge North and Walsall Wood	70	6.1%
Bentley and Darlaston North	140	8.6%
Birchills Leamore	220	11.2%
Blakenall	230	10.7%
Bloxwich East	145	9.9%
Bloxwich West	115	8.1%
Brownhills	110	8.3%
Darlaston South	175	8.7%
Paddock	60	4.0%
Palfrey	180	6.9%
Pelsall	50	5.2%
Pheasey Park Farm	40	3.6%
Pleck	195	8.4%
Rushall-Shelfield	75	6.3%
Short Heath	90	7.9%
St Matthew's	155	6.8%
Streetly	35	3.1%
Willenhall North	95	7.2%
Willenhall South	170	8.4%

- Challenges remain with youth claimants as 16 out of 20 wards in Walsall 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 Birchills Leamore at 11.2%, followed by Blakenall at 10.7% and Bloxwich East at 9.9%.