

Employment at Coventry workplaces by industry 2013

Source: Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) 2012 & 2013 data, ONS

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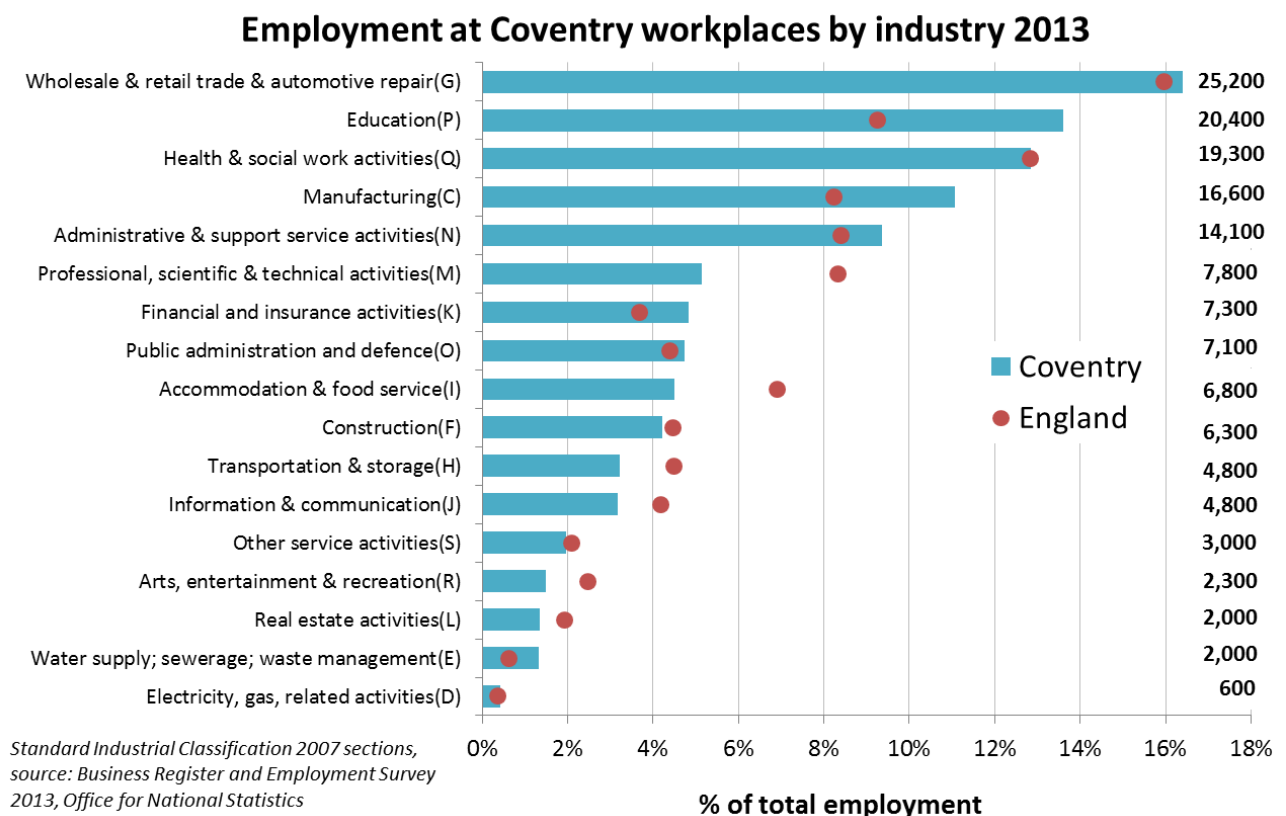
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The Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) is a large survey of businesses run by the Office for National Statistics, about 80,000 businesses are surveyed across Great Britain. While this is a large sample, the analysis below is based on estimates of job counts; the estimates are subject to a margin of error.

Total employment (employees plus 'working owners'¹) covered in this survey increased from 144,700 in 2012 to 150,400 in 2013. This source does not necessarily cover all jobs based in the city, self-employed people not registered for VAT or PAYE, along with HM Forces and government supported trainees are excluded². Nevertheless this source shows a significant increase in 2013; there have been modest annual increases for a number of years but this is the most significant change (positive or negative) for many years.

The industry group that employs the most people at Coventry workplaces is wholesale & retail trade followed by the mostly public sector activities of education and health & social work.



¹ Working owners are typically sole traders, sole proprietors or partners who receive drawings or a share of the profits. BRES therefore includes self-employed workers as long as they are registered for VAT or Pay-As-You-Earn (PAYE) schemes. Self-employed people not registered for these, along with HM Forces and Government Supported trainees are excluded.

² Other sources can be used in conjunction with BRES to estimate the number of jobs located in Coventry; the ONS 'Job Density' data available at www.nomisweb.co.uk (this covers employee jobs, self-employed, government-supported trainees and HM Forces so attempts to cover areas that BRES does not) and the Annual Population Survey: workplace analysis data are the main alternative sources.

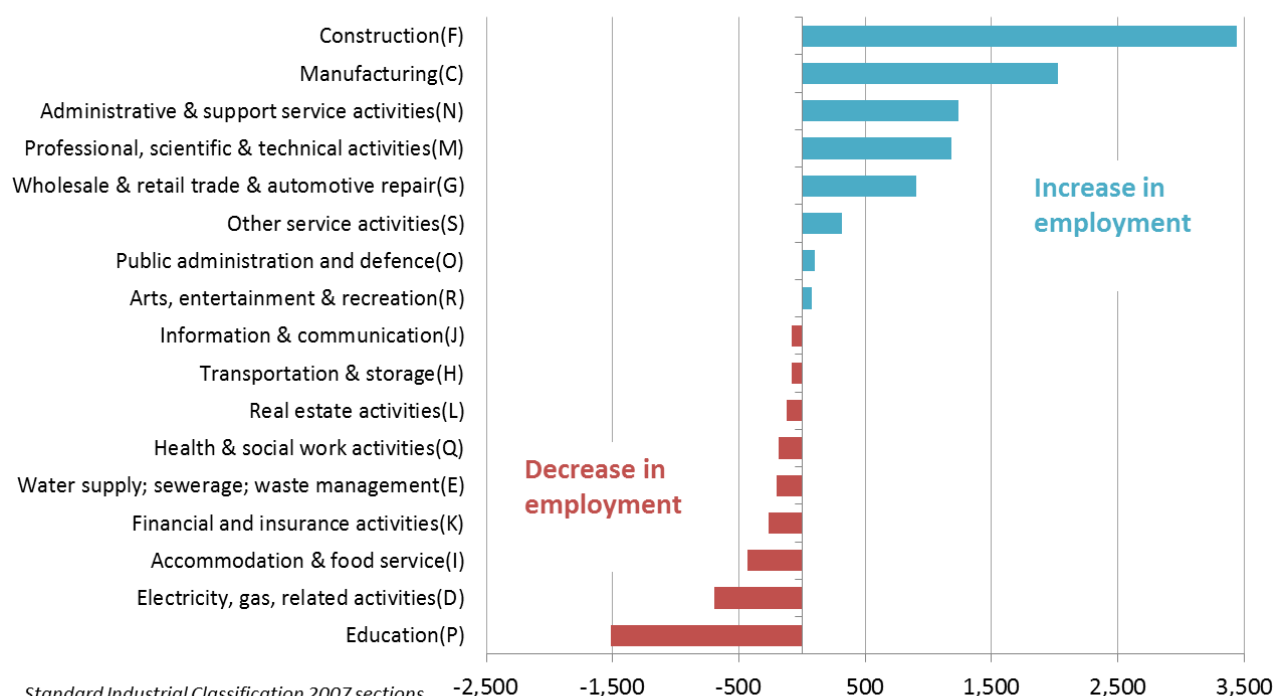
Change in employment by industry 2012 to 2013

The construction (+3,400; +119%) and manufacturing (+2,000; +14%) industries experienced the most significant growth in jobs in Coventry between 2012 and 2013 - a particularly large and healthy growth in the construction industry which more than doubled in size over the year. Between 2009 and 2012 the construction industry has been experiencing decreases in employment, reaching a low of 2,900 jobs in 2012 before its resurgence in 2013 to 6,300. The manufacturing industry, historically important in Coventry, had been experiencing decline for a number of years until a modest increase in jobs in 2012 and the significant increase in 2013.

Coventry businesses in the administrative & support service activities, professional, scientific & technical activities and wholesale & retail trade & automotive repair industries also saw sizeable net jobs growth in Coventry.

While they did not see significant overall growth in 2013, organisations employing people in Coventry in the industries of education, health & social work and public administration & defence experienced an overall increase in employment between 2009 and 2012.

Employment at Coventry workplaces by industry 2012-13 change



Standard Industrial Classification 2007 sections,
source: Business Register and Employment Survey
2013, Office for National Statistics

Changes detailed

- A large part of the growth in construction was down to an increase in the number of jobs at businesses in the electrical installation industry.
- Much of the growth in manufacturing was due to a significant growth in the automotive industry. The growing automotive industry was also the reason behind the modest growth in manufacturing in 2012. An increase in the number of jobs in metal products manufacturing also contributed significantly to the growth in 2013.
- Administrative & support service activities grew primarily because of significantly increased employment in temporary employment agency activities (+1,500,+31%).
- Increased employment by businesses involved in engineering activities was a significant contributor to the growth in professional, scientific & technical activities as an industry, as was increased employment in 'head office activities'.
- Employment growth in wholesale and retail trade was driven by increases in the number of jobs in 'retail in non-specialised stores' (e.g. supermarkets) and in 'other specialised wholesale'.
- Although jobs in education increased between 2009 and 2012, there was sizeable loss of jobs in this sector in 2013 due to a fall in the number in higher education employment in Coventry. In recent years higher education had been experiencing growth.
- Employment at businesses involved in electricity, gas and related activities fell in 2013 due to a net loss of jobs amongst businesses in the 'production of electricity' industry.
- The accommodation and food service industry experienced a net loss of jobs in 2013 due a decrease in event catering jobs in Coventry and a moderate loss of jobs in the hotel industry. Accommodation and food services has been experiencing a net employment decrease in previous years also.

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