

Employment at Coventry workplaces by industry 2015

Source: Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) 2014 & 2015 data

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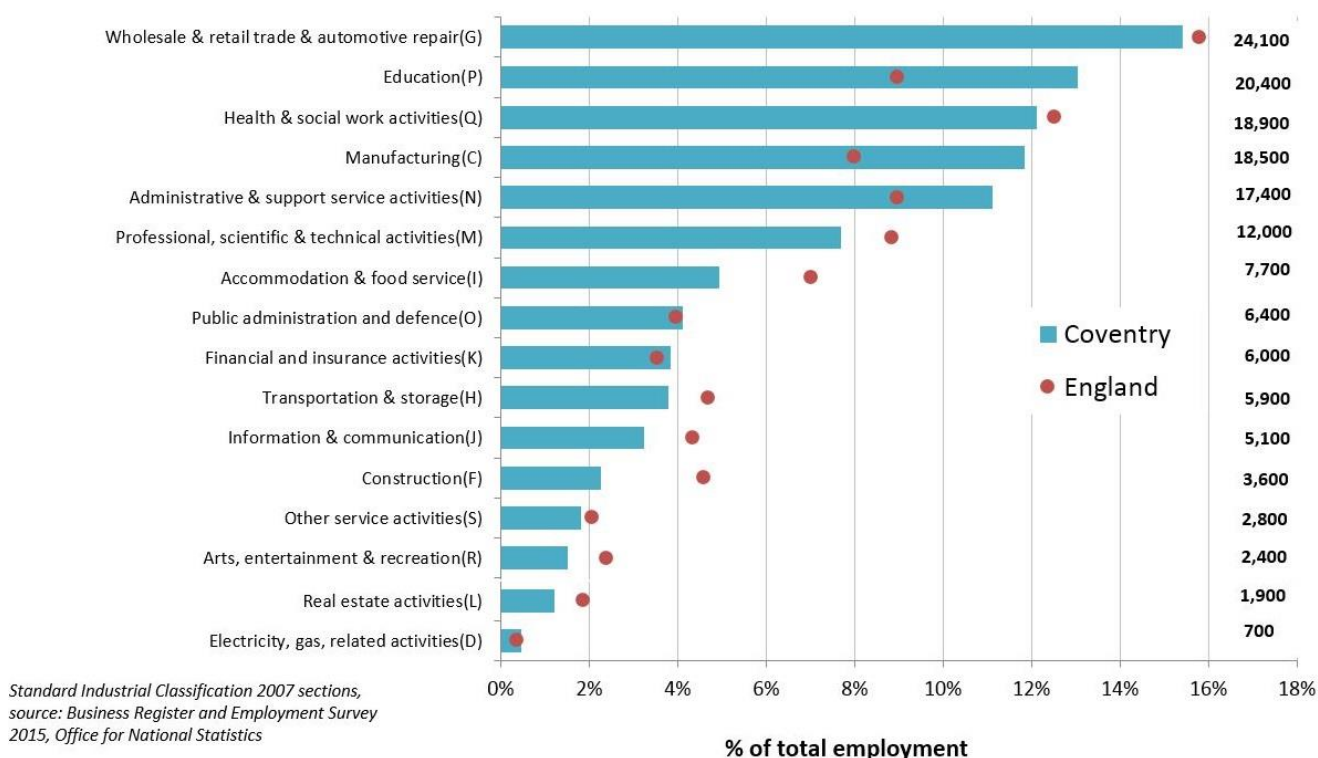
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The Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) is a large survey of businesses run by the Office for National Statistics, about 80,000 businesses are surveyed across Great Britain. While this is a large sample, the analysis below is based on estimates 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 155,600 to 156,300 in 2015. 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.

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. Employment in education is shown to be proportionately higher in Coventry compared to England overall, as is the case in manufacturing and administrative & support service activities.

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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.

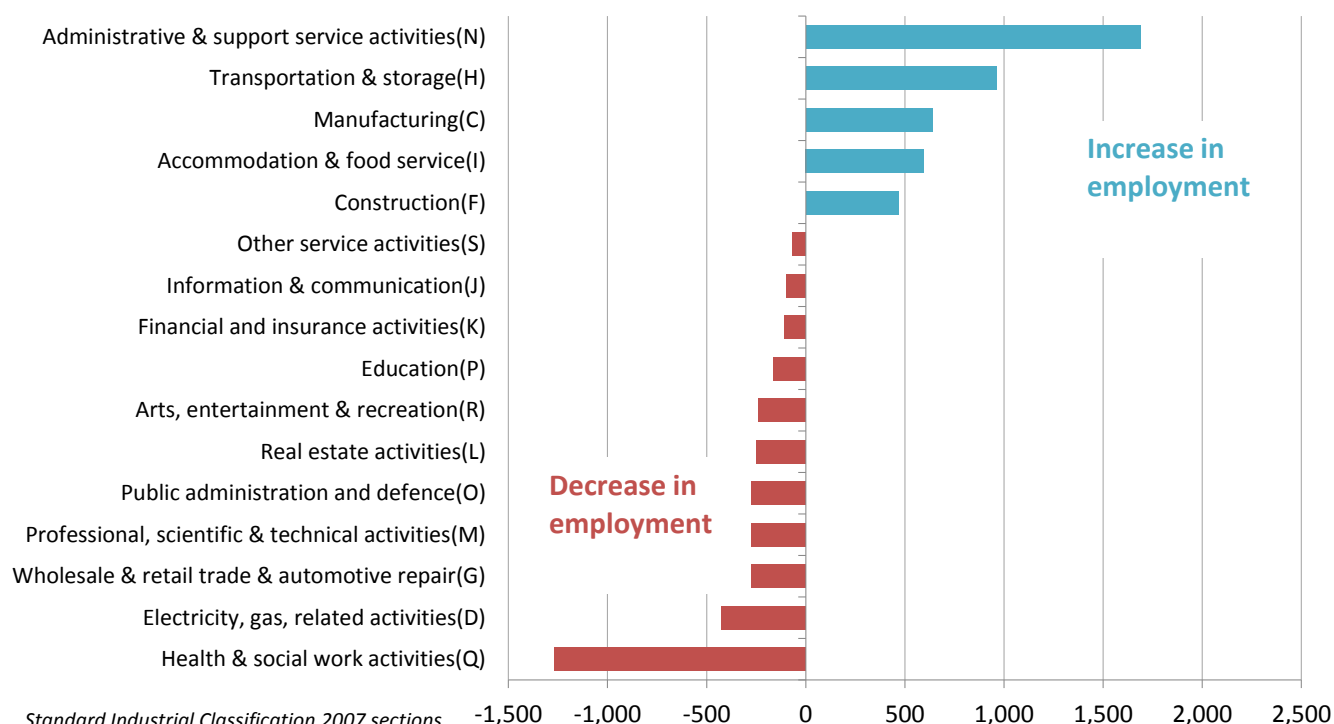
² Other sources can be used in conjunction with BRES to estimate the number of jobs located in Coventry; the ONS 'Job Density' data available at www.nomisweb.co.uk (this covers employee jobs, self-employed, government-supported trainees and HM Forces so attempts to cover areas that BRES does not) and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

Change in employment by industry 2014 to 2015

Administrative & support services is the industry with notably the biggest growth in 2015 (+1,700; +11%). This is followed by the growth in jobs within the transport & storage sectors (+1,000; +19%), manufacturing (+600; +4%) and in accommodation and food services (+500; +8%). The increases in administrative & support services and manufacturing are a continuation of a trend over a number of years; these two industries have seen a notable net increase in jobs in Coventry in recent years.

The number of jobs in health & social work activities decreased in 2015 (-1,300; -6%), although in 2014 the sector grew (+900 jobs). The wholesale, retail trade and repair of motor vehicles sector, one of the sectors that employs a large proportion of Coventry's workforce, has seen a small decrease in the number of jobs in Coventry (-350; -1%) in 2015, continuing a trend from 2014. There has also been a fall in the number of jobs in the public administration sector in each of the last 2 years.

Employment at Coventry workplaces by industry 2014 - 2015 change



Standard Industrial Classification 2007 sections,
source: Business Register and Employment Survey
2015, Office for National Statistics

Changes detailed

- A large part of the increase in administrative & support services activities was down to the growth in jobs within temporary employment agency activities (+1,500; +21%). This continues a trend of growth over the last few years.
- The majority of job growth within transportation is attributable to the increase in jobs at businesses in the freight transport by road industry (+550; +102%) and the unlicensed carriers industry (+500; +92%). Employment at local business active in these industries approximately doubled in 2015.
- The main contributing factor in the growth in manufacturing is job creation within the automotive sector. This saw a growth of around 1,000 jobs (+23%) in 2015. This industry has been growing locally for the last few years.
- As it has over recent years, local employment in hospital activities continued to grow in 2015. Modest decreases in the number of jobs across various other sectors in 2015 led to the overall reduction in employment in health & social care.

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