

This new monthly report will provide a snapshot of the latest employment vacancy data for the Birmingham Travel to Work Area¹ (TTWA). It forms a companion publication to the other labour market briefings we produce on unemployment, youth unemployment and worklessness.

Vacancy Briefing

The report provides up to date monthly data on:

- Total vacancies
- Vacancies as a % of employment
- Full and part time vacancies
- Permanent and temporary vacancies
- Vacancies by occupation & job title
- Vacancies by skills required
- Vacancies by salary band

The vacancy data presented in this report is taken from Labour insights using Burning Glass International Inc. software which scans online job advertisements to gather vacancy data.

Vacancy Data

In September 2013 there were a total of **14,789** job vacancies in the Birmingham TTWA down on the 15,179 vacancies advertised in August.

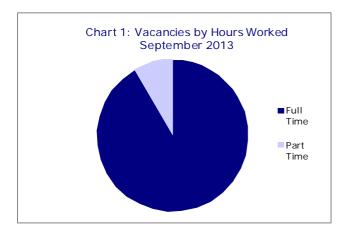
Table 1 to the right compares total vacancies as a proportion of total employment in each of the major English cities. This provides a broad indication of the health of the local labour market in each area, with a higher vacancy % likely to reflect higher levels of activity and opportunity in the local labour market.

Total vacancies in Birmingham account for 2.3% of total employment. This is above the national average (2.2%) but below the core city average of 2.7%. In September Birmingham ranked fourth of the eight English Core Cities for vacancies as a proportion of total employment.

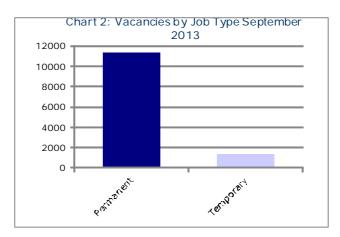
Table 1— Vacancies as a % of Total Employment September 2013		
	Total Vacancies	Vacancy %
Bristol	12,470	4.6%
Manchester	15,251	4.4%
Nottingham	6,268	2.9%
Core Cities	68,067	2.7%
Birmingham	12,157	2.3%
Leeds	9,449	2.1%
Liverpool	4,751	1.9%
Newcastle	3,270	1.7%
Sheffield	4,451	1.6%
London	108,488	2.2%
England	598,925	2.2%

Vacancies by Job Type

Of the vacancies where hours are specified 12,644 (92%) are for full time positions as shown in Chart 1 below.



Of the job listings that provide information on job type the vast majority (89%) of vacancies are for permanent jobs with 11% for temporary positions.



¹ TTWAs were created by the ONS to reflect actual labour market areas and are defined as an area where 75% of the resident population also work within. The Birmingham TTWA contains Birmingham, Solihull, Tamworth and Redditch but not any parts of the Black Country which forms its own TTWA.

Vacancies by Occupation & Job Title

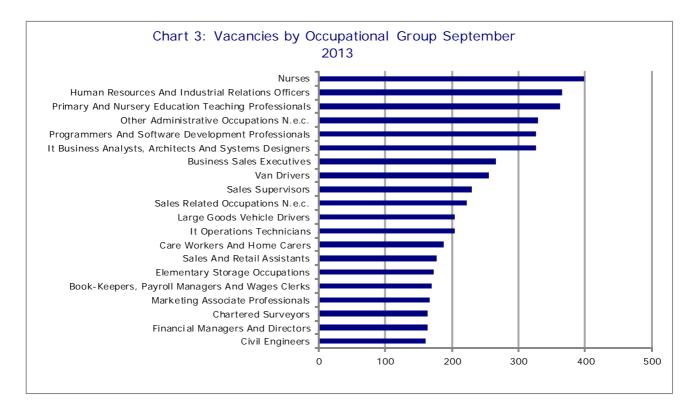
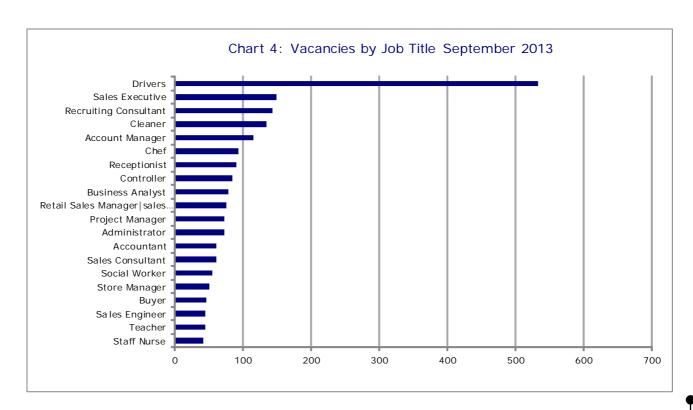


Chart 3 above shows vacancies by occupation. In September 2013 the occupations with the highest number of vacancies were 'Nurses' (398), 'HR and Industrial Relations Officers' (365) and 'Primary and Nursery Education Professionals' (362).

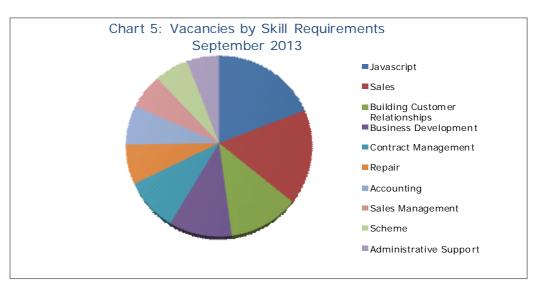
Chart 4 below displays the most common vacancies last month by job title. Drivers with 533 vacancies was comfortably the profession most sought after followed by Sales Executive (149) and Recruitment Consultants (143).



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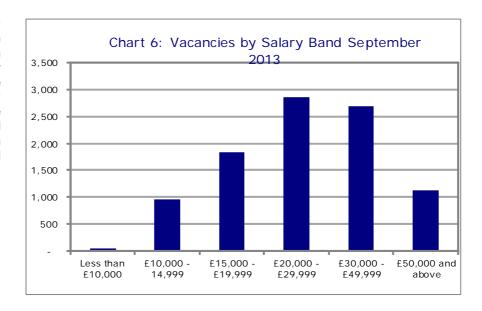
Vacancies by Skill Requirements & Salary Band

Chart 5 to the right shows the top 10 skills were most commonly sought by employers last month (where skills were specified). As might be expected skills like sales, business development and accounting feature prominently. The top 10 also highlights there is a high demand in the local labour market for specific computer programming skills



Please note; there are 6,418 vacancies that do not provide data on skill requirements

Chart 6 to the right shows the distribution of vacancies in Birmingham TTWA by salary band. The '£30,000-£49,999' salary band has the most vacancies and the 'Less than £10,000' salary band the fewest.



Please note; there are 5,274 vacancies that do not provide salary information

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