

Labour Market Information:

It is important to complete research in advance, to find out what sort of employment opportunities are available in your chosen sector(s) and to consider future employment trends/predicted job growth. Although predictions are not guaranteed, it will give you an idea of earning potential, working hours, availability in your area/or throughout the UK.

In 2018 the UK labour market force was estimated to be 33.8 million out of an estimated 66.1 million.

Post covid, in November 2022 the number of people aged 16 plus in employment was 32.84 million. This shortage is of concern to the Government who are in the process of encouraging people back into employment.

Investigate:

Where the opportunities are both locally and nationally?

What the competition is likely to be both locally and further afield?

Vacancy levels – age profile, gender, and skills shortages.

Find out about pay and conditions.

Explore and compare different sectors.

Consider future challenges and the likely implications for jobs and skills.

Look at work force requirements e.g. health care.

Trends in employment and in different sectors.

Changes in the nature of work.

Labour market gaps/possible skills shortages

Youth unemployment.

Future pandemics which may or may not be likely, can change the face of employment in a short time scale.

Further information can be found via:

Luminate.prospects.ac.uk - including 'What do graduates do?'

www.cxk.org – LMI & Careers Information

www.commonslibrary.parliament.uk

www.nomisweb.co.uk – Tonbridge and Malling local area report. (ONS)

www.lmiforall.org.uk - careerometer widget

www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk – LMI, job profiles etc