

Local Job Vacancy Information – September 2018 to December 2018



The following information summarises the online job vacancies that were advertised across Central Bedfordshire between the beginning of September and the end of December 2018. Information includes the towns where jobs are, the industry they cover and the skills and qualifications required. For more information contact: Nicola.dilley@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Table 1: Where was the demand for jobs?

Town	Job openings
Dunstable	1438
Leighton Buzzard	877
Biggleswade	506
Sandy	314
Shefford	222
Cranfield	220
Ampthill	152
Henlow	61
Barton-Le-Clay	15
Ridgmont	9

Source: Labour Insight, January 2019

Table 2: Skills in greatest demand across Central Bedfordshire? (ranked in order of greatest demand)

Baseline skills	Specialised skills
Communication Skills	Customer Service
Organisational Skills	Teamwork / Collaboration
Microsoft Excel	Sales
Planning	Budgeting
Detail-Orientated	Teaching
Problem Solving	Project Management
Microsoft Office	Accounting
English	Customer Contact
Leadership	Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
Research	Cleaning
Creativity	Retail Industry Knowledge
Writing	Scheduling
Computer Literacy	Forklift Operation
Building Effective Relationships	Administrative Support
Meeting Deadlines	Cooking
Microsoft Word	SAP
Microsoft Powerpoint	Procurement
People Management	Finance

Listening	Quality Assurance and Control
Time Management	Purchasing

Source: Labour Insight, January 2019

Table 3: Vacancies by industry across Central Bedfordshire

Industry	Job postings
Manufacturing	387
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	356
Education	349
Accommodation and food service activities	346
Human health and social work activities	294
Professional, scientific and technical activities	155
Transportation and storage	116
Administrative and support service activities	63
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	63
Construction	46
Other service activities	36
Financial and insurance activities	35
Arts, entertainment and recreation	31
Real estate activities	28
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	27
Information and communication	16
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	9
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	7
Mining and quarrying	2

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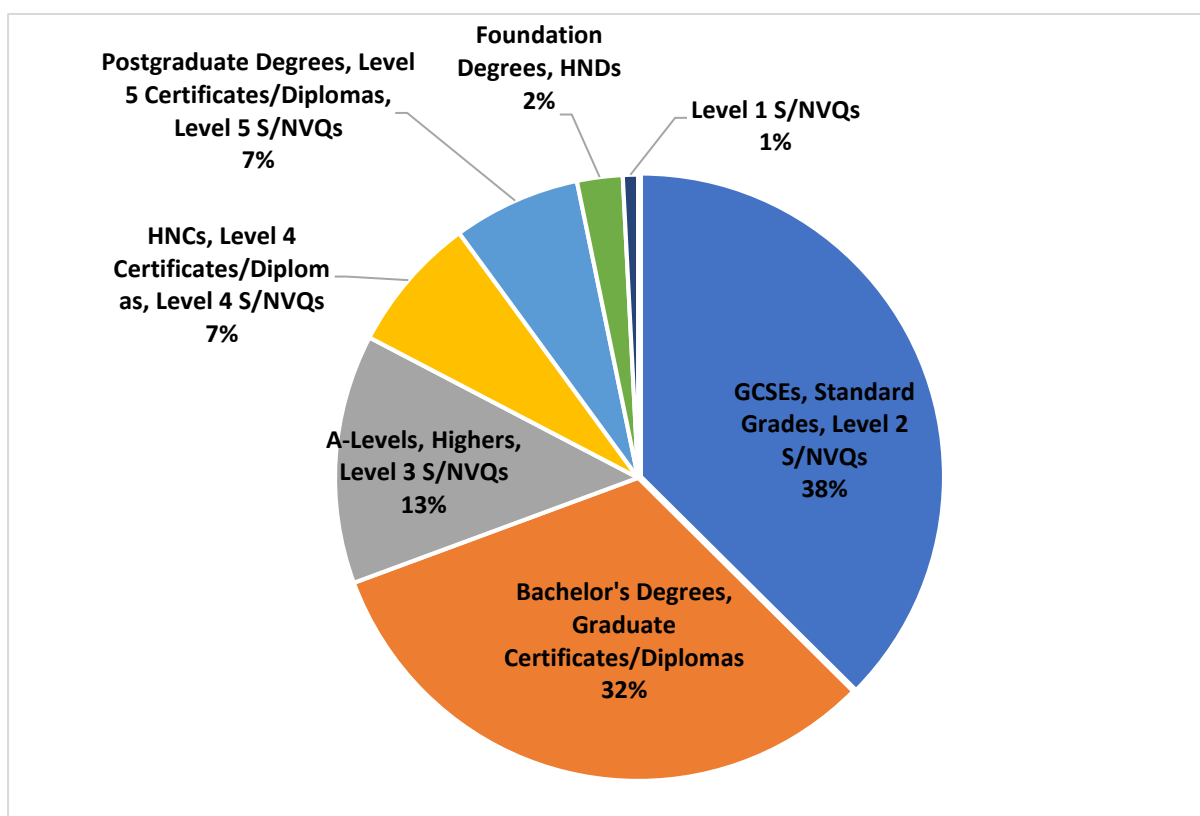
Table 4: Who was hiring across Central Bedfordshire? (Top 20 employers)

Employer	Job postings
Whitbread	258
Cranfield University	155
Central Bedfordshire Council	57
Tesco plc	51
National Health Service	40
Asda	33
Rockwell Collins	32
Lockheed Martin UK Limited	24
Alliance Boots	23
Carshop Ltd	23
Be Aerospace, Inc	22
Superprof	21
Extrastaff Dunstable	20

RSPB	18
Costa Coffee Limited	17
CV Consulting Limited	16
Healthcare Homes	15
Nurseplus Limited	13
Superdrug	13
Aldwyck Housing Group Limited	12

Source: Labour Insight, January 2019

Figure 1: Qualifications required in vacancies across Central Bedfordshire



Source: Labour Insight, January 2019. Note: 84% of records have been excluded because they do not include a qualification level.