West Sussex Economy Snapshot

September 2026 (Issue 6)

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West Sussex Summary

New Businesses September 2026

- 514 new businesses incorporated. (**17%** more then August 2026)
- 510 businesses dissolved or liquidated. (**10%** increase from August 2026)

Net increase of 4 businesses.

Claimants September 2026

- Claimant count increased by **2.5%** in West Sussex over the last month.
- The claimant count rate are at **3.1%** in West Sussex, matching the regional rate, which also remained unchanged at **3.1%**. Meanwhile, the national rate increased to **4.1%**.

Universal Credit Claimants May 2026 (latest revised data May 2026 updates quarterly)

- Universal Credit claimants increased by **0.4%** in West Sussex over the last month.
- In May 2026, **15.7%** of the 16-64 population in West Sussex are claiming UC, close to the regional percentage and lower than the national percentage of **19.6%**.

West Sussex IT businesses and IT job postings summary (September 2026):

- **Business creation remains exceptionally strong:** IT company incorporations reached a record **359 in 2025**, with **350 already recorded in 2026**, making it the **second-highest year on record** despite the year not yet being complete.
- **Rapid sector expansion:** Incorporations more than doubled from **170 in 2024** to **359 in 2025**, highlighting a significant increase in entrepreneurial activity across the IT sector.
- **Jobs market recovering strongly:** IT vacancies increased from a low of **177 in early 2025** to **503 in 2026**, the highest level recorded since 2023 and almost three times above the market low.
- **Key takeaway:** The IT sector is showing strong momentum, with **near-record business formation** and a **sustained recovery in employer demand for IT talent** across West Sussex.

No of Employees (Real Time Information) September 2026 (% Change from August 2026 - September 2026)

- West Sussex: 396,962 (increased by **0.09%**)
- West Sussex (South West): 195,136 (increased by **0.12%**)
- West Sussex (North East): 201,826 (increased by **0.07%**)
- South East: 4,273,613 (increased by **0.03%**)
- UK: 30,273,860 (increased by **0.04%**)

Median Pay (Real Time Information) September 2026 (% Change from August 2026 - September 2026)

- West Sussex (South West): 2,860 (increased by **0.21%**)
- West Sussex (North East): 2,557 (increased by **0.55%**)
- South East: 2,802 (increased by **0.11%**)
- UK: 2,660 (increased by **0.04%**)

Job Postings (Lightcast)

- In September 2026, there were **14,104** unique job postings in West Sussex, which is about **26%** higher than the same time last year.
- In terms of the top posted occupations over the last six months (**April 2026 to September 2026**), home health aide is the top posted followed closely by Janitor/Cleaner.

House Prices

- Adur: £379,000
- Arun: £321,000
- Chichester: £428,000
- Crawley: £332,000
- Horsham: £441,000
- Mid Sussex: £432,000
- Worthing: £299,000

West Sussex Summary

Economic Activity July 2025 - June 2026
- West Sussex: 84.0%
- South East: 81.8%
- England: 79.5%

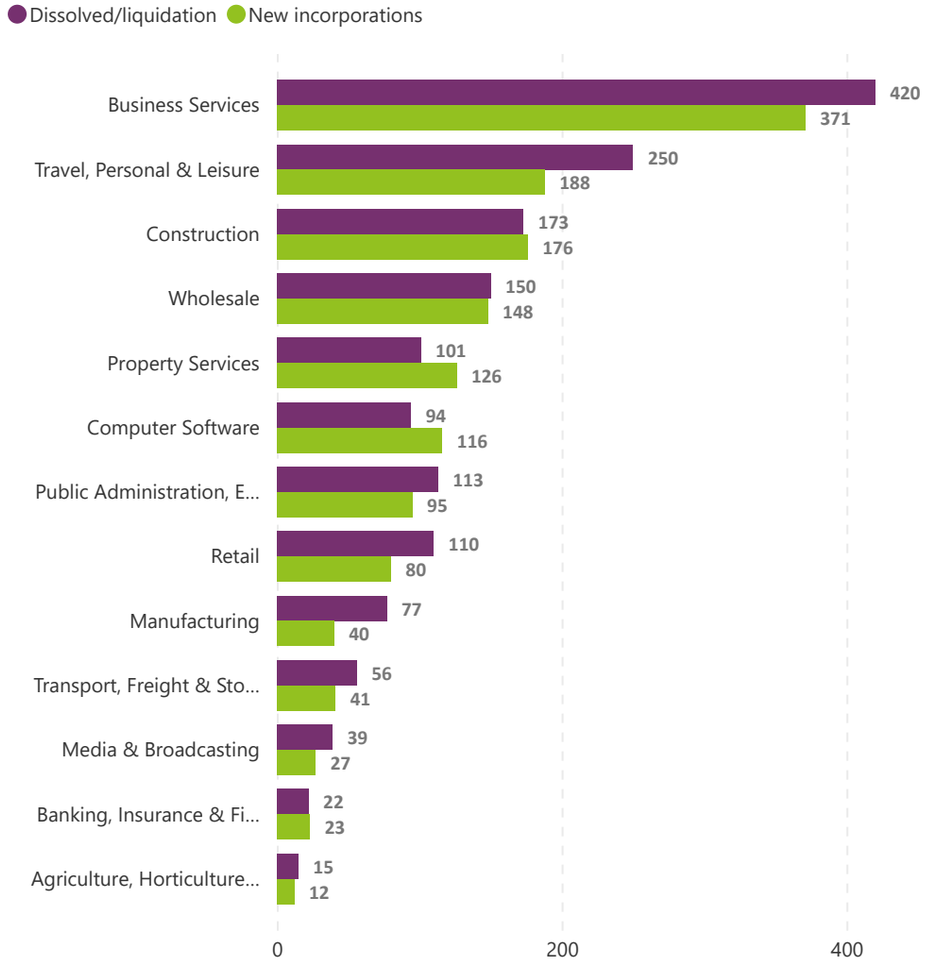
Employment Rate July 2025 - June 2026
- West Sussex: 82.5%
- South East: 78.8%
- England: 75.8%

Self Employed July 2025 - June 2026
- West Sussex: 10.9%
- South East: 10.5%
- England: 9.6%

Economic Inactivity by Reason June 2026 - September 2026
- Long term Sick: 31.1%
- Retired: 13.1%
- Student: 20.6%

West Sussex: New Businesses

Number of new business incorporations and businesses dissolved/in liquidation by industry in West Sussex (Jul'26 - Sep'26)



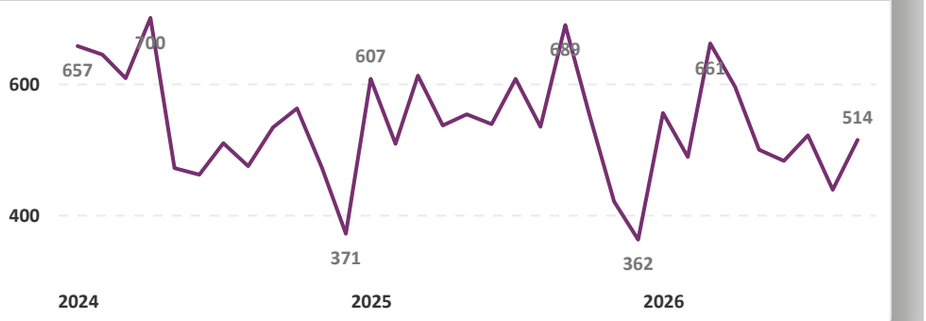
Source: FAME

Released: October 2026

New Business Count

17% ▲

New business incorporations in West Sussex



Summary of Business Formation Trends in West Sussex

Overall trend:

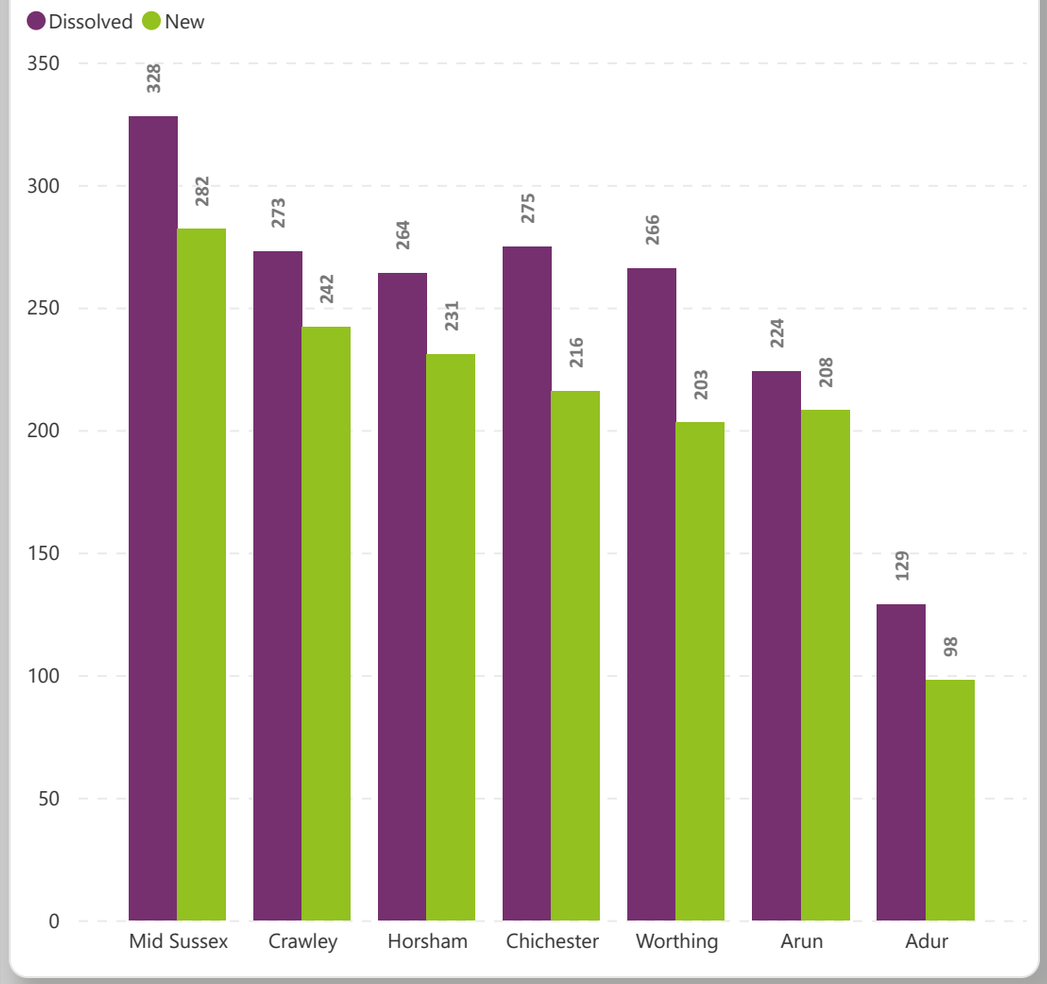
- A mix of new business incorporations and dissolutions was recorded across all sectors, with **business closures exceeding new incorporations** in **Business Services, Travel, Personal & Leisure, Wholesale, Public Administration, Retail, Manufacturing, Transport, Freight & Storage, Media & Broadcasting, and Agriculture**.
- **Construction, Property Services, Computer Software, and Banking, Insurance & Finance** recorded net business growth, with more new businesses being incorporated than dissolved.
- **Business Services** recorded the highest levels of both incorporations and dissolutions and the largest net loss (**-49 businesses**). **Travel, Personal & Leisure** also recorded a significant decline (**-62 businesses**), representing the largest sectoral loss during the period.
- **Property Services** recorded the strongest net growth (**+25 businesses**), followed by **Computer Software** (**+22**). **Construction** also recorded a small net gain (**+3**).
- **Overall, West Sussex recorded more business dissolutions than new incorporations**, indicating continued pressure on the local business environment during the latest reporting period.

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West Sussex: New Businesses

Number of new business incorporations and businesses dissolved/in liquidation by local authority (Jul'26-Sep'26)



Adur ratio	Arun ratio	Chichester ratio	Crawley ratio
-24.0%	-7.1%	-21.5%	-11.4%

Horsham ratio	Mid Sussex ratio	Worthing ratio	West Sussex ratio
-12.5%	-14.0%	-23.7%	-15.9%

Summary of Business Formation Trends in West Sussex

Over the last 3 months:

- **Mid Sussex** recorded the highest level of business activity, with 282 new incorporations, but also the highest number of dissolutions at 328, resulting in a net loss of 46 businesses.
- **Crawley** recorded 242 new incorporations and 273 dissolutions, resulting in a net loss of 31 businesses, while **Horsham** recorded 231 incorporations and 264 dissolutions, a net decline of 33 businesses.
- **Chichester** saw the largest imbalance, with 275 dissolutions compared with 216 incorporations, resulting in a net decline of 59 businesses.
- **Worthing** experienced a substantial net loss of 63 businesses, with 203 new firms against 266 dissolutions, representing the largest net decline across the local authorities.
- **Arun** recorded 208 incorporations and 224 dissolutions, resulting in a net decline of 16 businesses.
- **Adur** had the lowest number of incorporations at 98 and 129 dissolutions, producing a net loss of 31 businesses.
- Overall, all local authorities recorded more business closures than start-ups during Aug'26-Sep'26, suggesting a broadly negative business churn trend across West Sussex.

Last 12 months:

- 6,650 new businesses incorporated.
- 6,837 businesses dissolved or liquidated.
- Net decrease of 187 businesses.

Last 3 months:

- 1,480 new businesses incorporated.
- 1,759 businesses dissolved or liquidated.
- Net decrease of 309 businesses.

Source: FAME

Released: October 2026

West Sussex: Claimant Count (numbers)

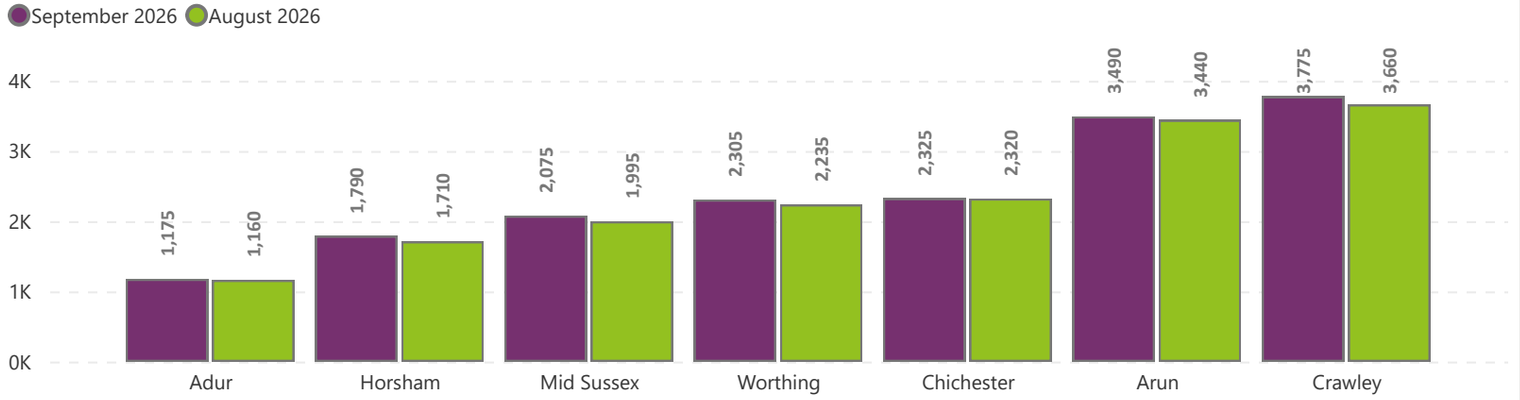
16,520	16,935	West Sussex Change
Aug'26	Sep'26	2.5% ▲

Adur	Arun	Horsham
1.3% ▲	1.5% ▲	4.7% ▲

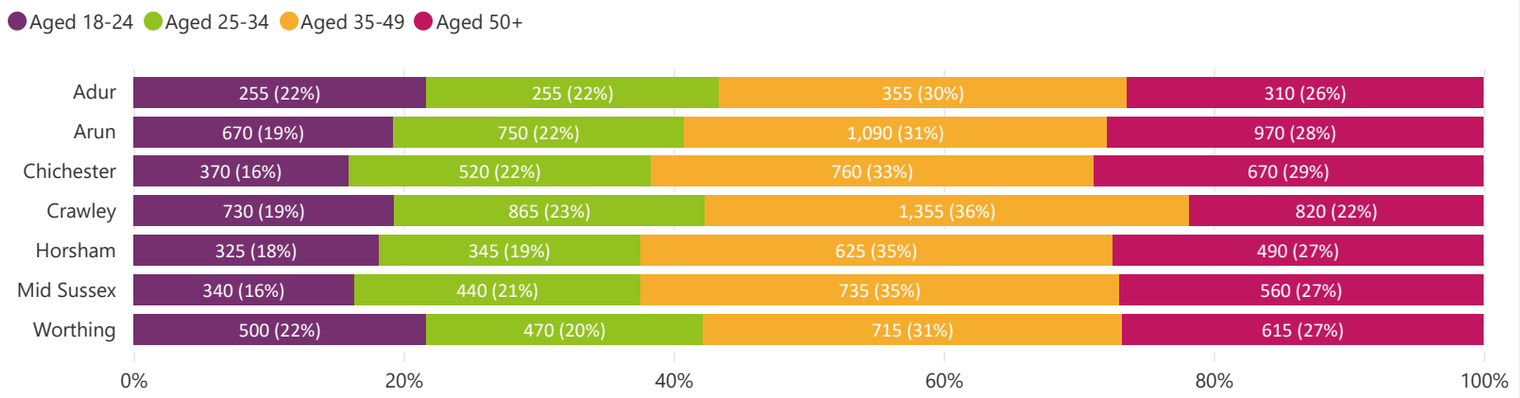
Chichester	Crawley	Mid Sussex
0.2% ▲	3.1% ▲	4.0% ▲

Worthing
3.1% ▲

Total Number of Claimants by Local Authority



Distribution of claimants by age band



Summary of Claimant Count Changes in West Sussex, September 2026

Breakdown by district (Aug'26 - Sep'26):

Age groups:

- Adur and Worthing highest % of young claimants.
- Arun (670) and Crawley (730) has the most number of young claimants.
- Crawley has the highest number of claimants who are age 35-49

Specifics (Sep'26):

- Crawley recorded the highest claimant count (**3,775**).
- Crawley had the highest claimant count rate (**4.5%**), higher then regional and national average.

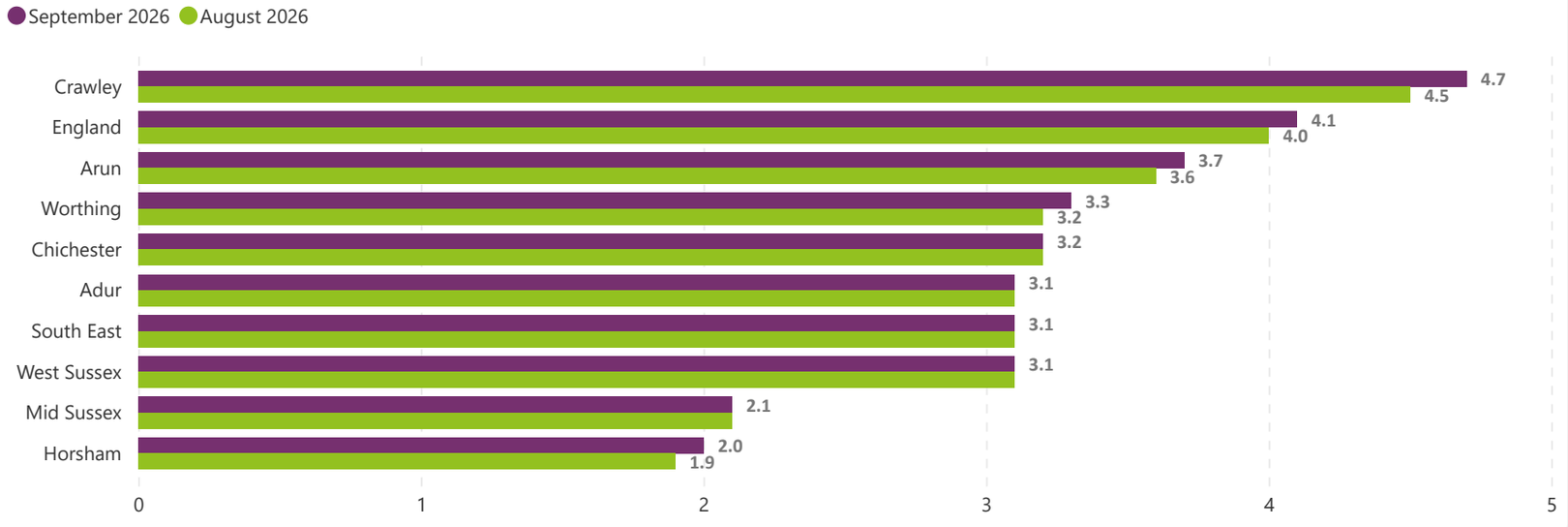
Source: ONS, Claimant Count

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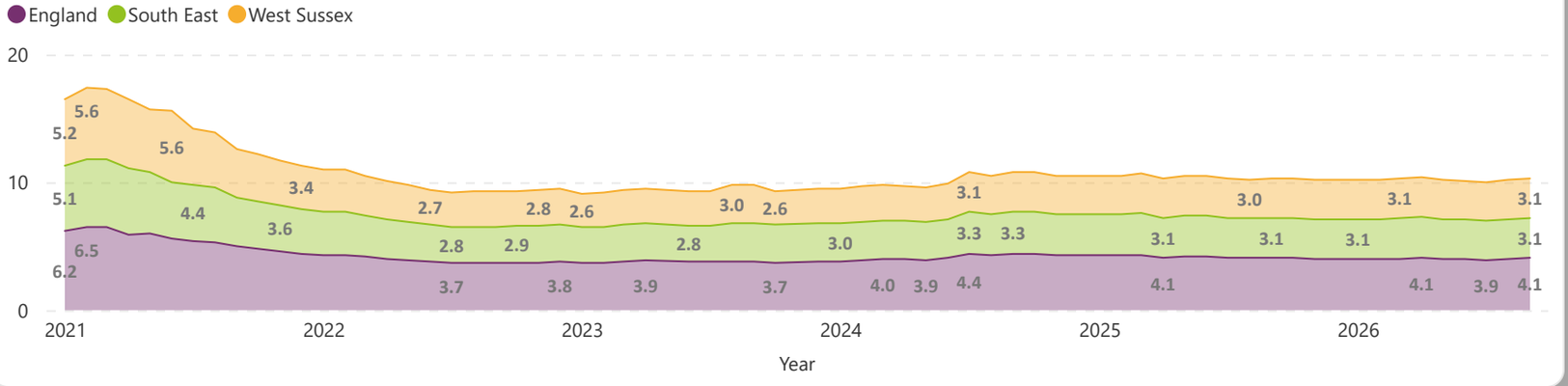
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West Sussex: Claimant Count (rate)

Claimant count rate change



Claimant count rate



Source: ONS, Claimant Count

Released: 20 Oct 2026 (Sep 2026 Figures are provisional)

West Sussex Change	England Change
0.0 —	0.1 ▲

South East Change
0.0 —

Summary of Claimant Count Changes in West Sussex, September 2026

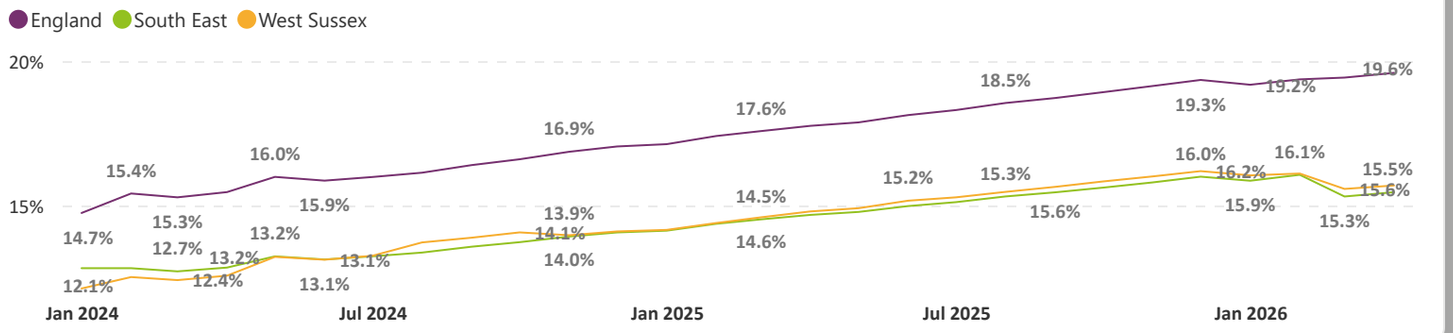
Overall:

- Claimant count has increased over the last month by **2.5%** (16,935) in West Sussex.
- Claimant count rate stayed the same at **3.1% in West Sussex**, remaining below the **national average of 4.1%** and same as the **regional rate of 3.1%**.
- Horsham had the lowest claimant count rate (**2%**).

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West Sussex: Universal Credit Claimants

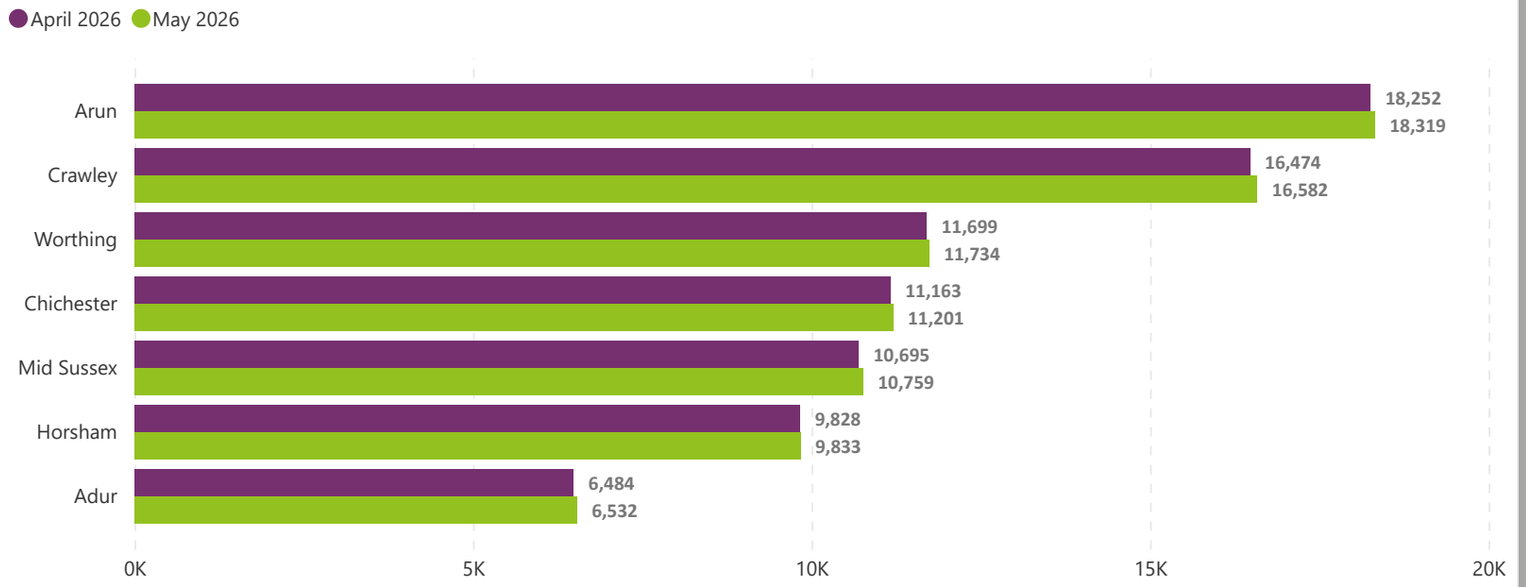
Percentage of people aged 16-64 years claiming Universal Credit



Adur	Arun	Chichester	Crawley
0.7% ▲	0.4% ▲	0.3% ▲	0.7% ▲

Horsham	Mid Sussex	Worthing	West Sussex
0.1% ▲	0.6% ▲	0.3% ▲	0.4% ▲

Universal Credit claimants in West Sussex change



Source: Department for Work and Pension Released: 18 Aug 2026

(May 2026 figures are provisional)

Summary of Universal Credit Claimants in West Sussex, May 2026

Overall:

- In May 2026, numbers of Universal Credit claimants increased by almost 0.4% (84,960 total) over the last month in West Sussex.
- The percentage (May 2026) of the 16-64 population claiming UC in West Sussex has risen to 15.7%, which is almost the same as the regional percentage and lower than the national percentage of 19.6% for the last month.

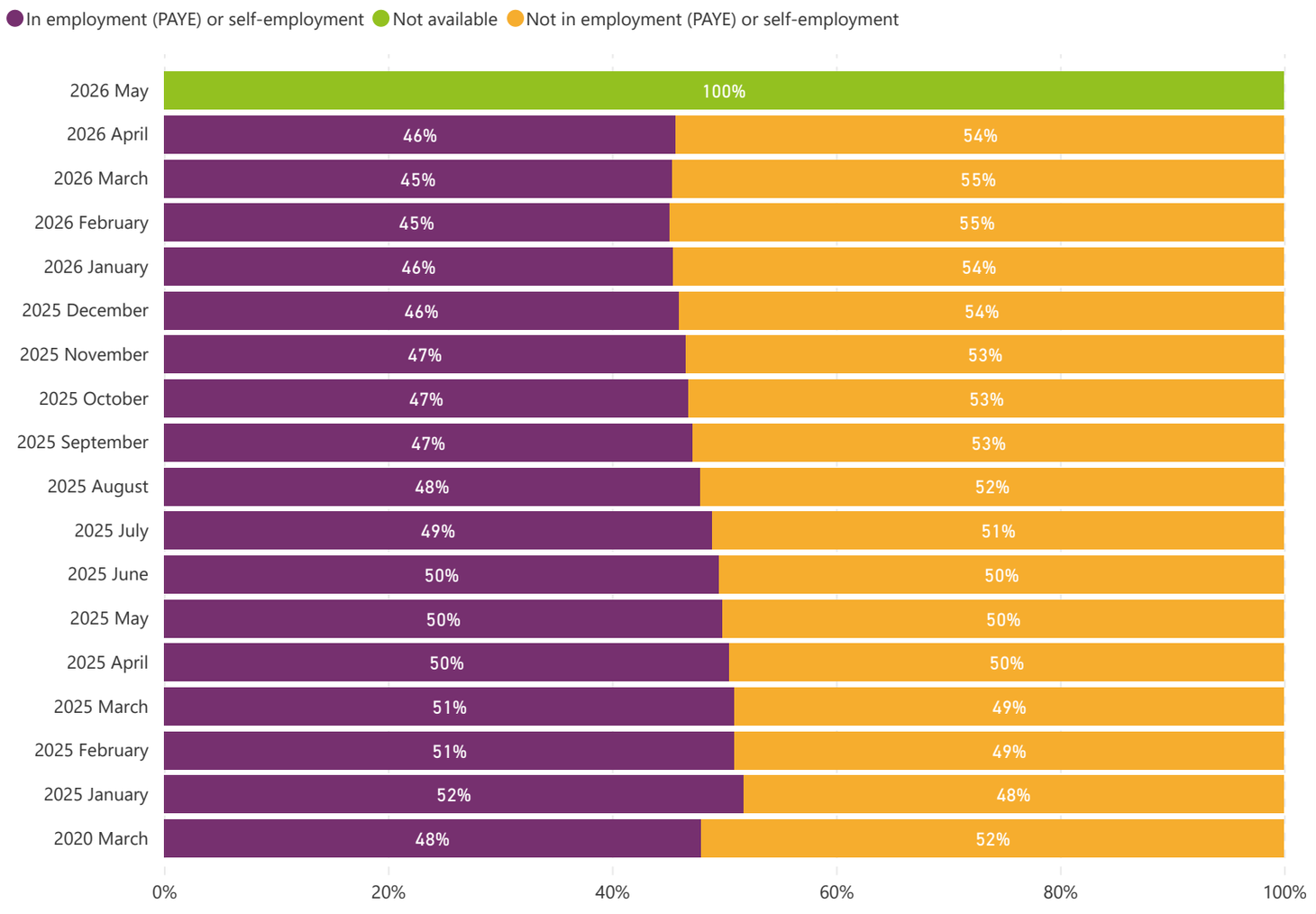
District-specific:

- Adur had the highest percentage increase in claimants (0.7%) since April 2026.
- At May 2026, Arun had the highest number of claimants at 18,319.

Update: *From May 2026 this data is released on a **quarterly** basis. The definition of the "Percentage of people aged 16–64 years claiming Universal Credit" is being updated. Previously, the population denominator for ages 16–64 was derived from Census 2021 data. From March 2026 onwards, this will instead be calculated using the latest mid-year population estimates, ensuring the indicator reflects more up-to-date demographic changes.*

West Sussex: Universal Credit Claimants

Universal Credit claimants in West Sussex by employment status



Source: Department for Work and Pension Released: 18 Aug 2026

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Summary of Universal Credit Claimants in West Sussex, May 2026

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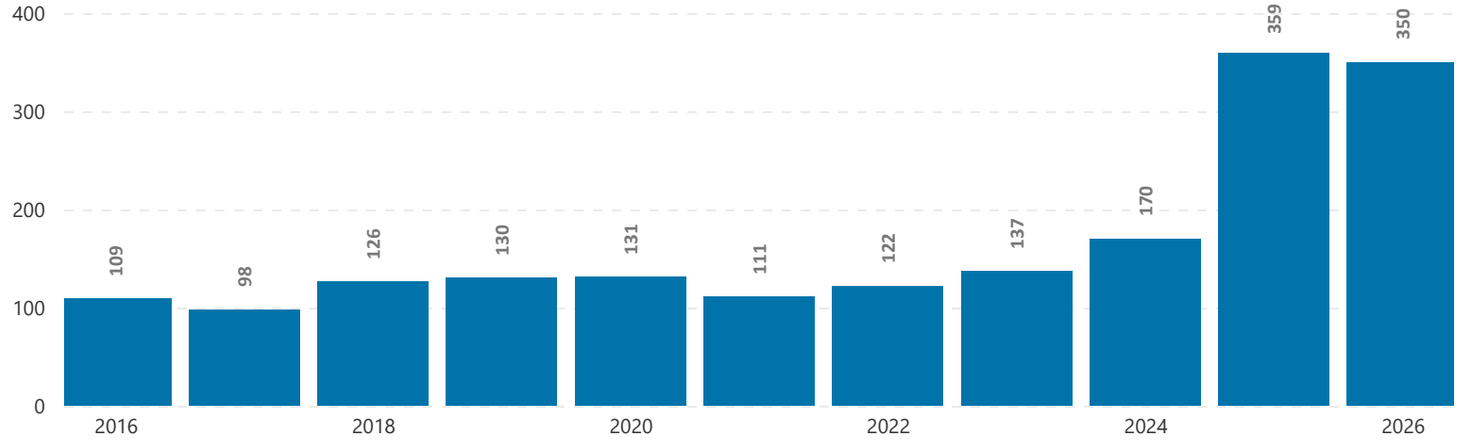
- 46% of claimants were in employment in May 2026. Higher than national (38%) or regional (43%) average.
- Mid Sussex had the highest percentage of employed claimants (50%).

Note: Employment/not in employment breakdown for May 2026 is not available.

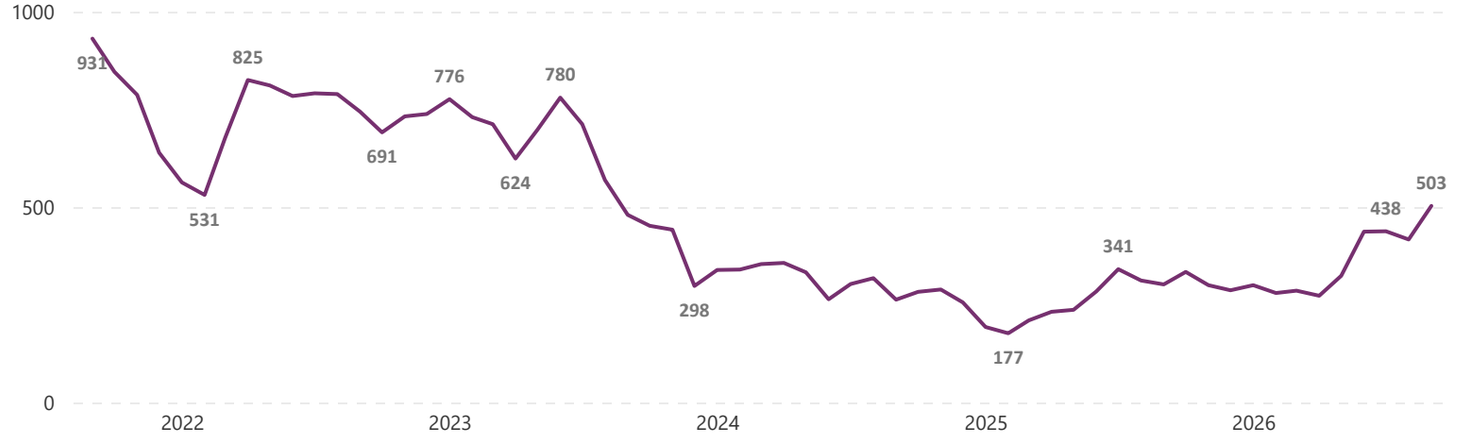
Update: Since May 2026, the DWP has changed the way it reports its figures. Data will now be published quarterly instead of more frequent releases. In addition, employment indicators have been updated to provide a broader view of the labour market by incorporating both PAYE employees and self-employed individuals.

West Sussex: IT business sector

New Company Incorporation Trends in the IT Sector (West Sussex)



IT Job Posting Trends (West Sussex)



Source: FAME, LightCast Released: October 2026

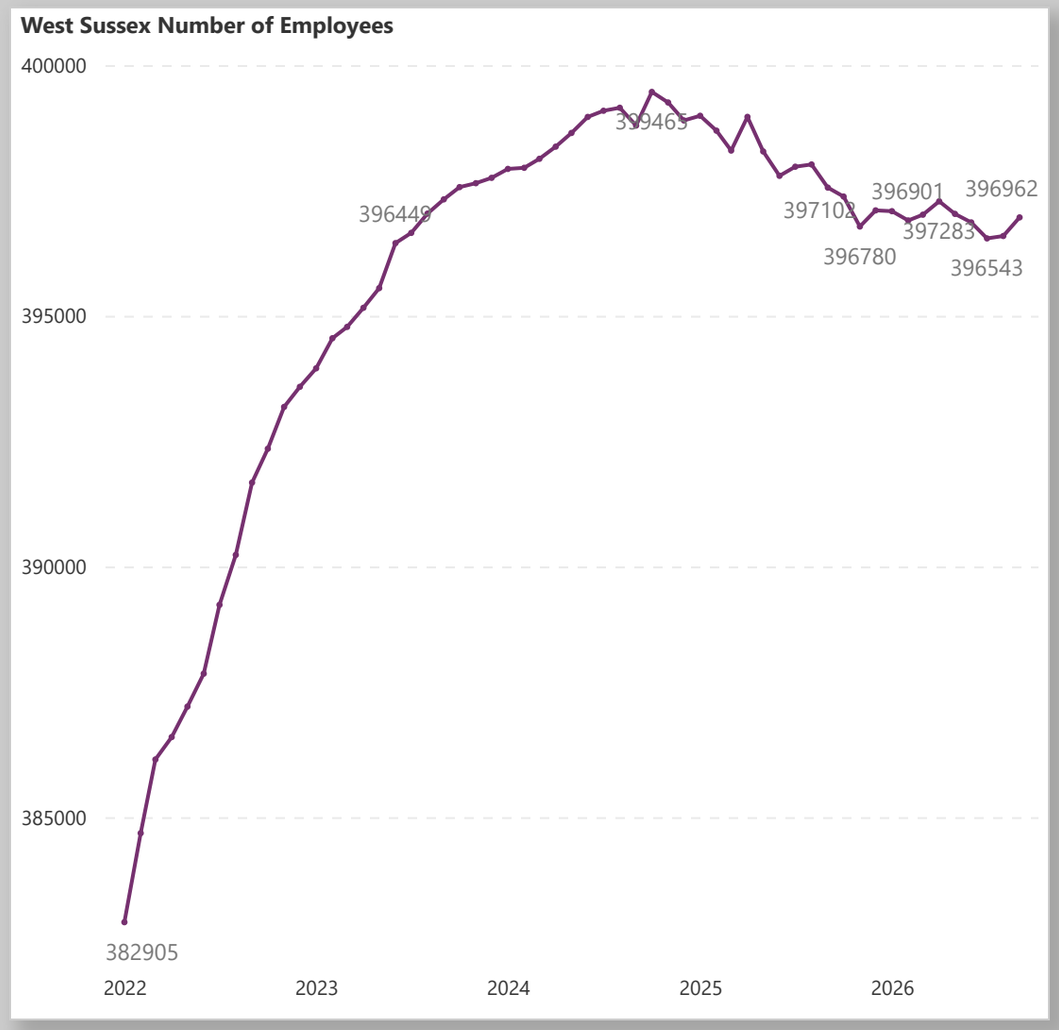
This is for the following SIC codes:

- **62012** – Business and Domestic Software Development
- **62020** – Information Technology Consultancy Activities
- **62030** – Computer Facilities Management Activities
- **62090** – Other Information Technology Service Activities
- **63110** – Data Processing, Hosting and Related Activities
- **63120** – Web Portals

New IT sector company incorporations in West Sussex remained relatively stable between **2016 and 2023**, ranging from **98 to 137 businesses per year**. Growth accelerated in **2024**, rising to **170 incorporations**, before surging to a record **359 incorporations in 2025**, more than double the 2024 total. Although **2026 is not yet complete**, it has already recorded **350 incorporations**, making it the **second-highest year on record** and indicating another exceptionally strong year for the sector. This sustained growth highlights the increasing importance of the IT sector to the West Sussex economy, reflecting strong entrepreneurial activity and continued demand for digital and technology services.

IT job postings in West Sussex have shown a general downward trend since reaching a peak of **931 vacancies in 2021**. Demand remained relatively strong throughout **2022 and 2023**, with postings typically ranging between **531 and 825 vacancies**, before declining sharply during **2024**. Vacancy levels fell further in **early 2025**, reaching a low of **177 vacancies**, marking the weakest point in the market. Since then, demand has recovered steadily, rising to **341 vacancies during 2025** and continuing to strengthen throughout **2026**. The latest data shows **503 vacancies**, the highest level recorded since 2023 and almost three times higher than the low point reached in early 2025.

Real Time Information Earnings and Employment



West Sussex Change %

0.09% ▲

South East Change %

0.03% ▲

Uk Change %

0.04% ▲

Summary of RTI employees in West Sussex for September 2026.

Overall:

- West Sussex: 396,962
- West Sussex (South West): 195,136
- West Sussex (North East): 201,826
- South East: 4,273,613
- UK: 30,273,860

One Month Change (August 2026 - September 2026):

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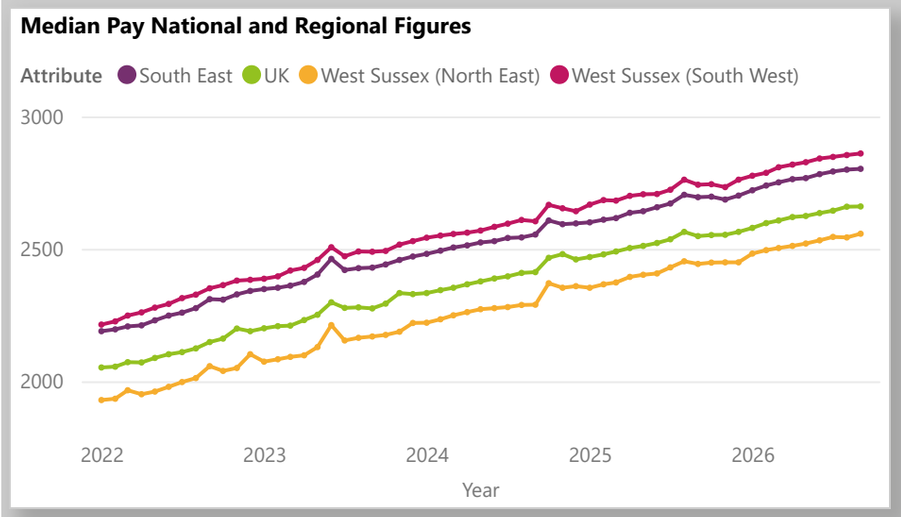
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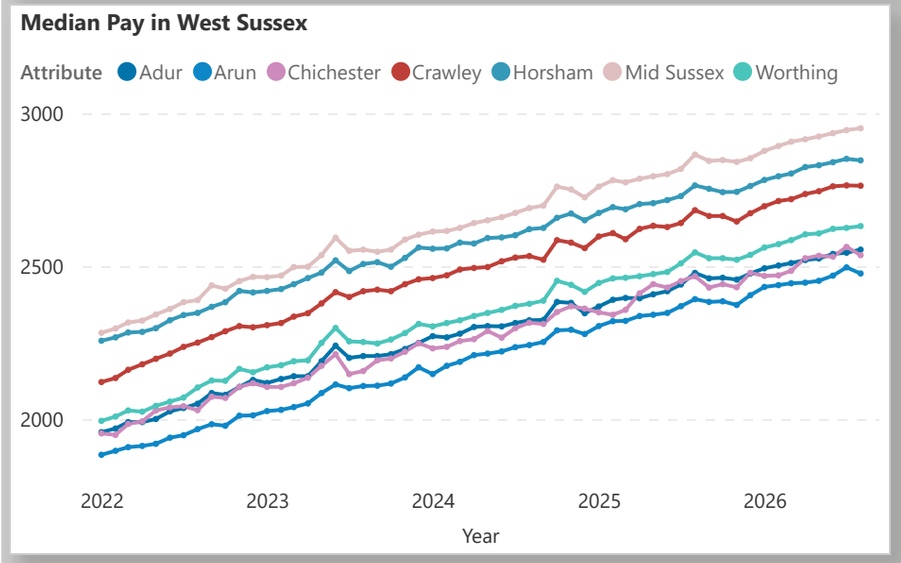
- West Sussex rose by 0.03%
- West Sussex (South West) fell by 0.02%
- West Sussex (North East) rose by 0.07%
- South East fell by 0.04%
- UK fell by 0.01%

Source: ONS - Earnings and employment from Pay As You Earn Real Time Information, seasonally adjusted

Released: 20 October 2026

Real Time Information Earnings and Employment





West Sussex South West Change % Pay

0.21% ▲

West Sussex North East Change % Pay

0.55% ▲

South East Change % Pay

0.11% ▲

UK Change % Pay

0.04% ▲

Summary of RTI median pay in West Sussex for September 2026.

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- South East: 2,802
- UK: 2,660

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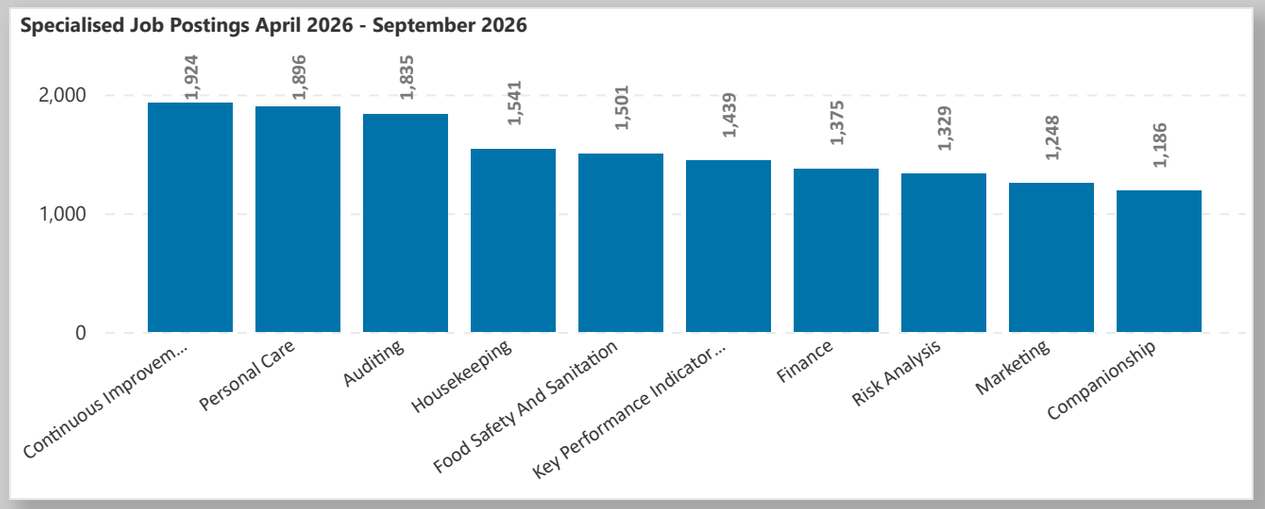
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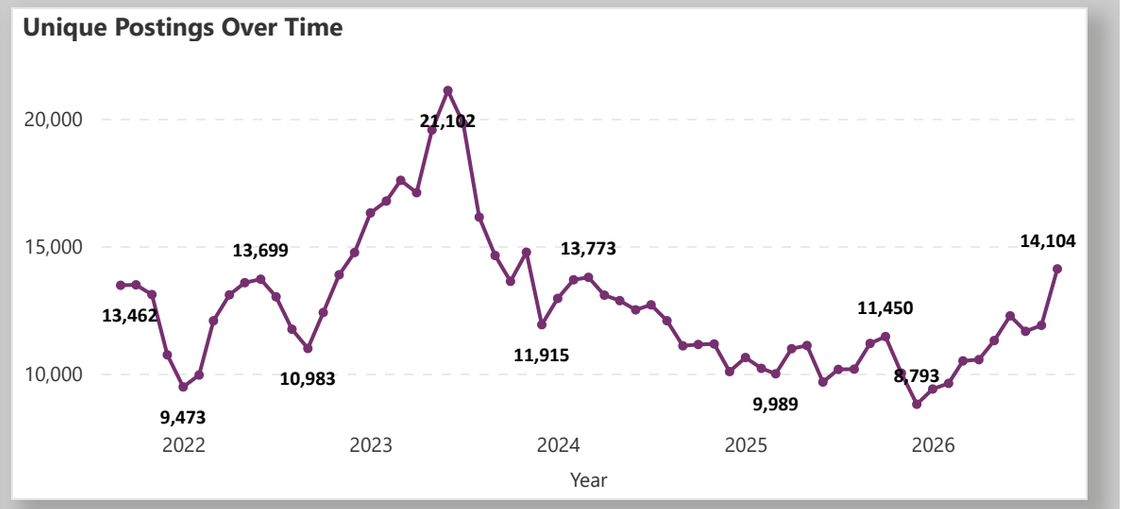
- West Sussex (South West) rose by 0.67%
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- South East rose by 0.72%
- UK rose by 0.95%

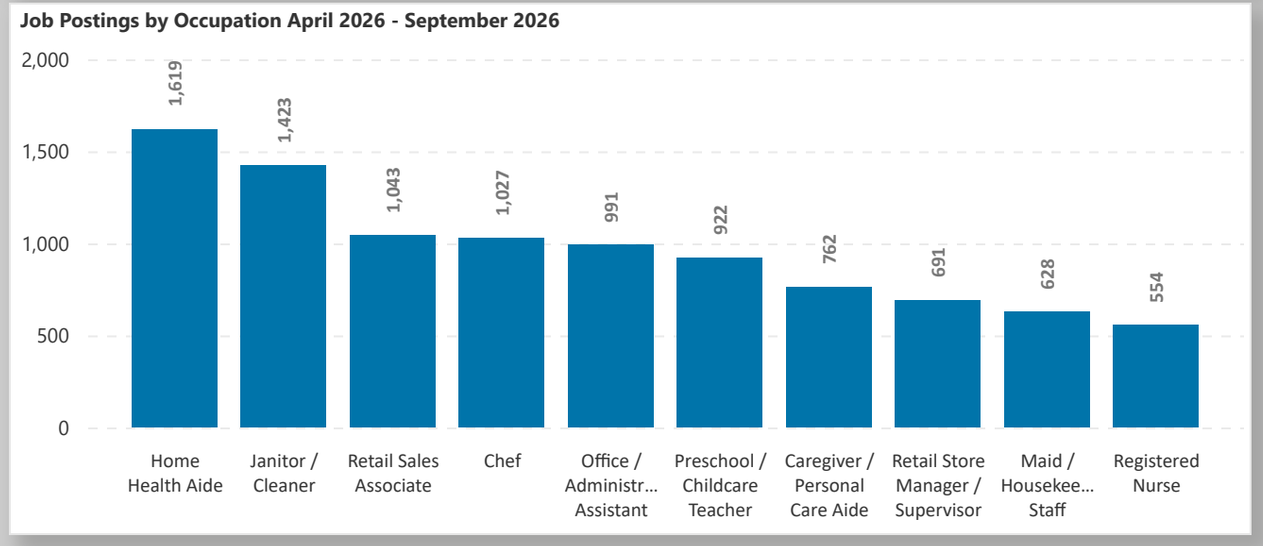
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Released: 20 October 2026

Job Postings







Summary of the job postings in West Sussex by Lightcast.

WSCC has access to Lightcast from which the numbers of job postings by occupation type, along with other information including skills requirements and job titles is available. In September 2026 there were 14,104 unique job postings in West Sussex, a significant reduction from the peak in June 2023 of 21,102 but still higher than the general levels seen pre-Covid. In terms of the top posted occupations over the last six months (April 2026 to September 2026), Home Health Aide is the most frequently posted role, making up the highest number of occupations followed by Janitor/Cleaner. The remaining occupations appear to be evenly distributed.

Source: Lightcast

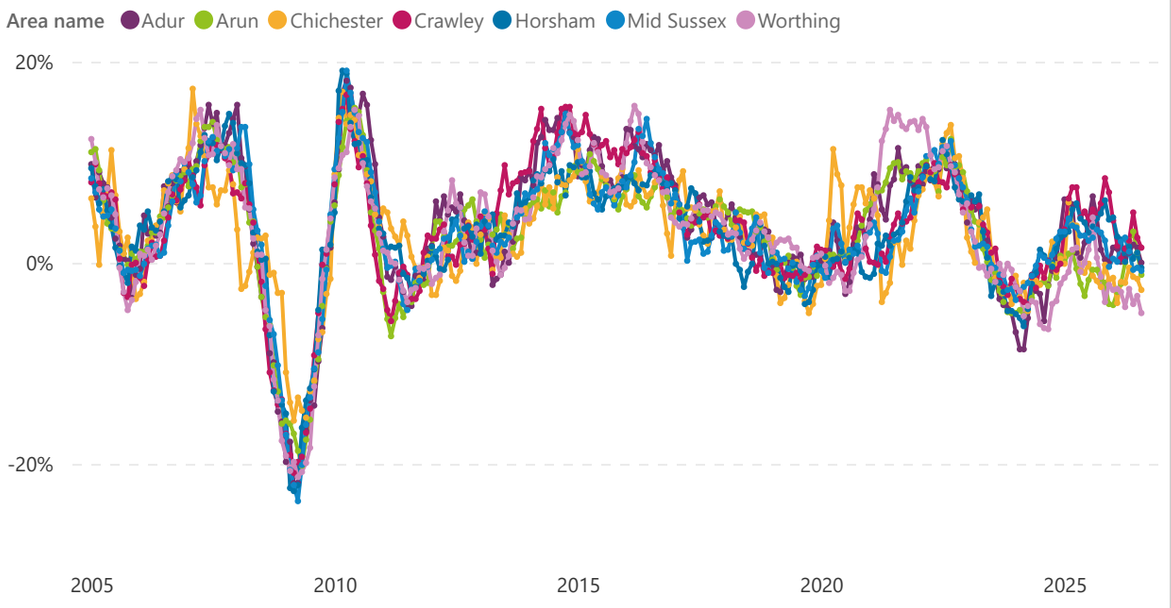
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House Prices

House Price Data (August Provisional ONS)

Area	Average First-time buyers	Average House Price	Average Monthly Rent	Average Mortgage Buyers
Adur	£322,000.0	£379,000.00	£1,416.00	£374,000.00
Arun	£254,000.0	£321,000.00	£1,240.00	£318,000.00
Chichester	£336,000.0	£428,000.00	£1,340.00	£427,000.00
Crawley	£298,000.0	£332,000.00	£1,495.00	£333,000.00
Horsham	£324,000.0	£441,000.00	£1,490.00	£430,000.00
Mid Sussex	£327,000.0	£432,000.00	£1,436.00	£437,000.00
Worthing	£246,000.0	£299,000.00	£1,300.00	£306,000.00

Annual House Price Change %



Highest Average House Price
Horsham

Highest Average Mortgages
Mid Sussex

Highest Average Monthly Rent
Crawley

Highest First Time Buyer Average
Chichester

Source: ONS

Released: 21 October 2026

Economic Activity

Economic Activity by local authorities

Variable	Economic Activity		Employment		Self Employment	
Location	June 2025	June 2026	June 2025	June 2026	June 2025	June 2026
Adur	72.60	82.90	67.50	82.90	12.90	17.70
Arun	82.00	80.10	81.40	78.60	8.00	8.70
Chichester	82.40	84.00	82.40	84.00	13.90	10.60
Crawley	80.10	85.90	78.00	83.10	11.30	10.80
Horsham	86.50	87.80	83.10	86.60	14.60	11.00
Mid Sussex	84.10	81.40	82.30	79.90	12.40	10.70
Worthing	86.30	86.40	85.60	84.00	12.90	10.50
West Sussex	82.80	84.00	81.10	82.50	12.10	10.90
South East	81.00	81.80	78.20	78.80	10.20	10.50
England	79.10	79.50	75.80	75.80	9.80	9.60

Summary of Economic Activity for July 2025 - June 2026

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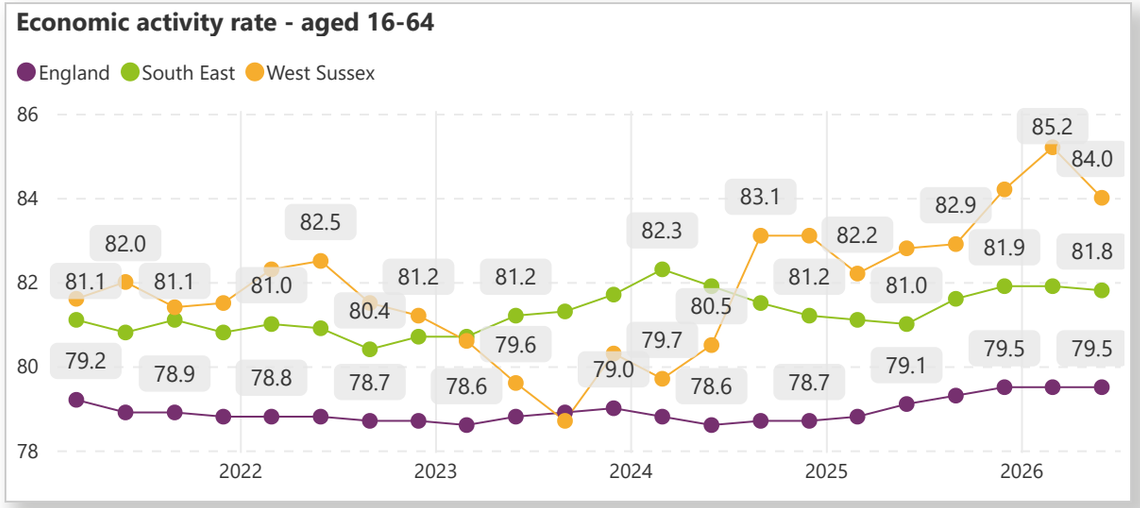
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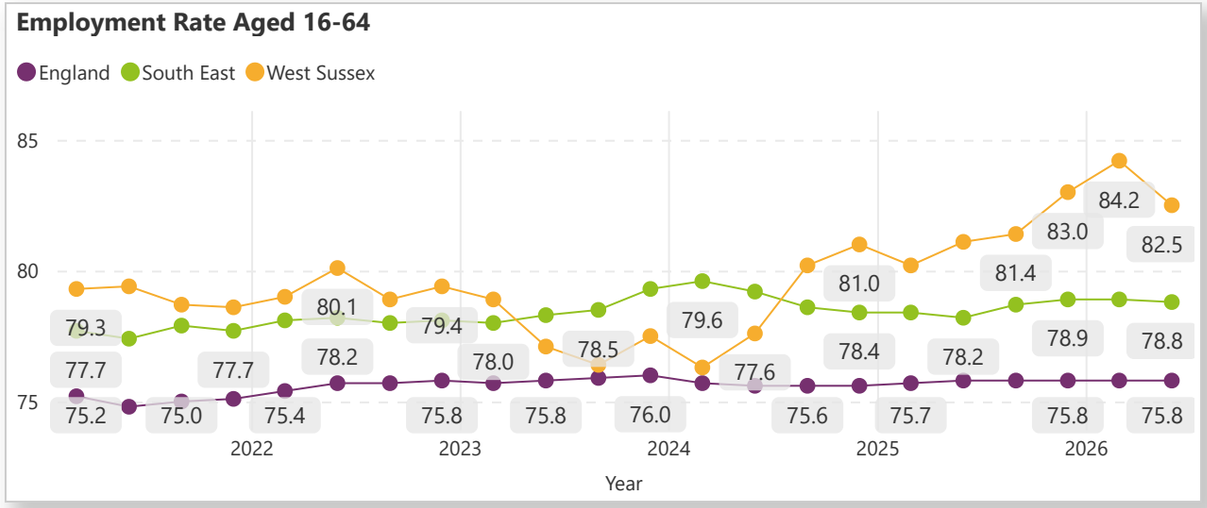
NB - The information on Economic Activity and Inactivity on the this slide and the next few slides is drawn from the Annual Population Survey and should be interpreted with some caution due to the APS's small sample size.

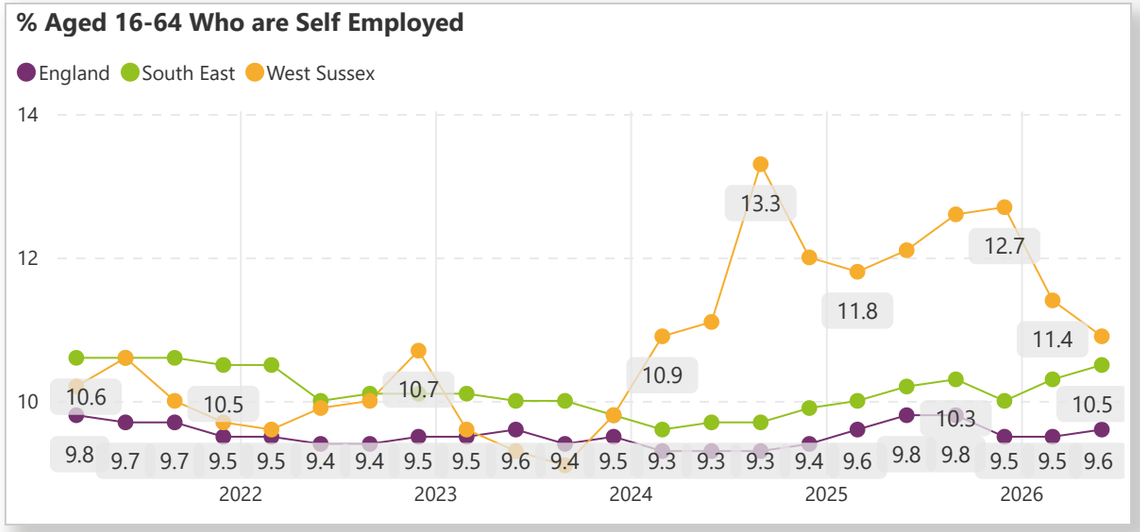
Source: Annual Population Survey

Released: 20 October 2026 (Latest Data: July 2025 - Jun 2026)

Economic Activity







Summary of Economic Activity for July 2025 - June 2026

Three Month Change % (Jun 2025 - Sep 2025)

Economic Activity	Employment Rate	Self Employed
West Sussex: -1.2%	West Sussex: -1.7%	West Sussex: -0.5%
South East: -0.1%	South East: -0.1%	South East: 0.2%
England: No Change	England: No Change	England: 0.1%

Source: Annual Population Survey

Released: 20 October 2026 (Latest Data: July 2025 - Jun 2026)

Economic Inactivity

Economically inactive by age (%)

Age Group	16-24		25-49		50+	
Attribute	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
Adur	38.4	62.4	13.3	N/A	69.3	61.5
Arun	26.4	34.9	8.1	13.6	60.9	58.6
Chichester	38.4	42.2	N/A	N/A	66.0	61.6
Crawley	53.8	51.8	N/A	10.1	35.2	42.8
England	41.6	40.4	11.9	11.8	55.5	54.7
Horsham	29.2	27.9	9.3	7.2	45.3	45.2
Mid Sussex	27.5	38.7	6.2	8.5	56.2	50.4
South East	42.9	40.1	9.4	9.5	53.3	52.1
West Sussex	33.4	36.8	7.6	8.9	56.0	52.5
Worthing	17.8	17.3	N/A	12.2	55.8	48.4

N.B. N/A data where there is not enough households in the survey to give a result for the area.

Summary of Economic inactivity for July 2025 - June 2026

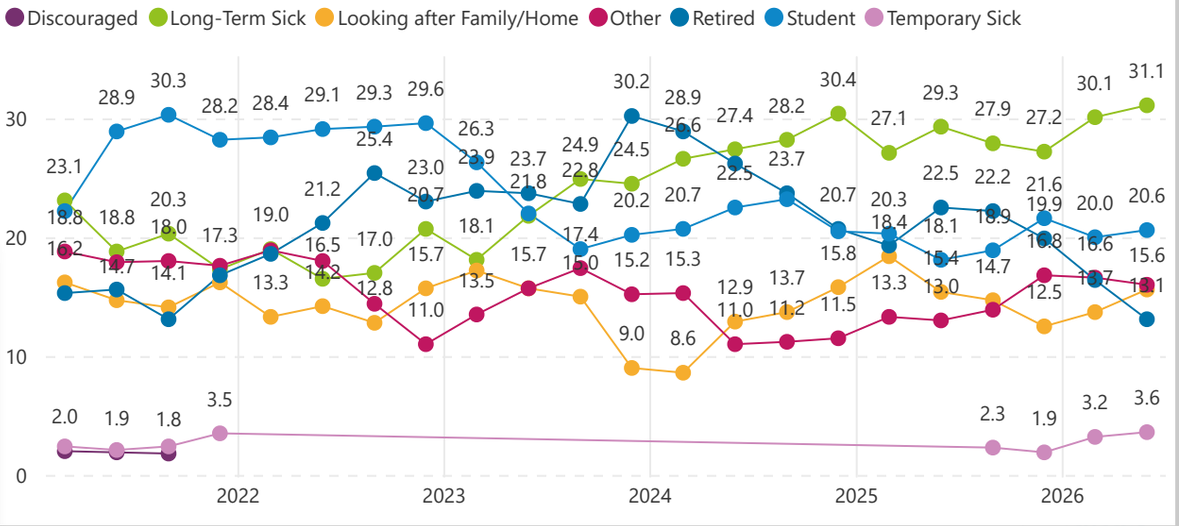
Overall Economic Inactivity 16-64 Age Group

- West Sussex: 16.0%
- South East: 18.2%
- England: 20.5%

Economic Inactivity by Reason - Three Month Change (Jun-Sep)

- Long Term Sick: 1.0%
- Retired: -0.3%
- Student: -3.3%

Reasons for Economic Inactivity in West Sussex



Source: Annual Population Survey

Released: 20 October 2026 (Latest Data: July 2025 - Jun 2026)

National Summary

Job Vacancies

- Estimated vacancies in July to September 2026 was 691,000.
- Decreasing 21,000 or 2.9% from April 2026 to June 2026.
- The number of unemployed people per vacancy was 2.4 in June 2026 to August 2026, down from 2.5 in March to May 2026, a level at which the ratio has remained unchanged since July to September 2025.

Gross Domestic Product

- Monthly GDP is estimated to have grown by 0.7% in August 2026.

Labour Market

- Early estimates for September 2026 indicate that the number of payrolled employees was 30.3 million which is a fall of 0.2% from the previous year.
- The largest increase was in the administrative and support services sector, with a rise of 66,000. The largest decrease was in the wholesale and retail sector, with a fall of 71,000 employees.
- Early estimates for September 2026 indicate that median monthly pay increased by 5.6% compared with September 2025.
- Annual growth in median pay in August 2026 was highest in the other services sector, with an increase of 5.6%. it was lowest in the transportation and storage sector, with a increase of 1.8%.

Business Trading

- 17% of trading businesses reported that their turnover had increased in September 2026 compared with the previous month
- In early October 2026, 72% of businesses reported some degree of concern about increases in fuel prices
- 33% of trading businesses reported an increase in the prices of goods and services bought in September 2026 when compared to the previous month.
- 12% of trading businesses reported an increase in the prices of goods and services sold in September 2026.
- 15% of businesses reported that their main concern will be energy prices in November 2026.

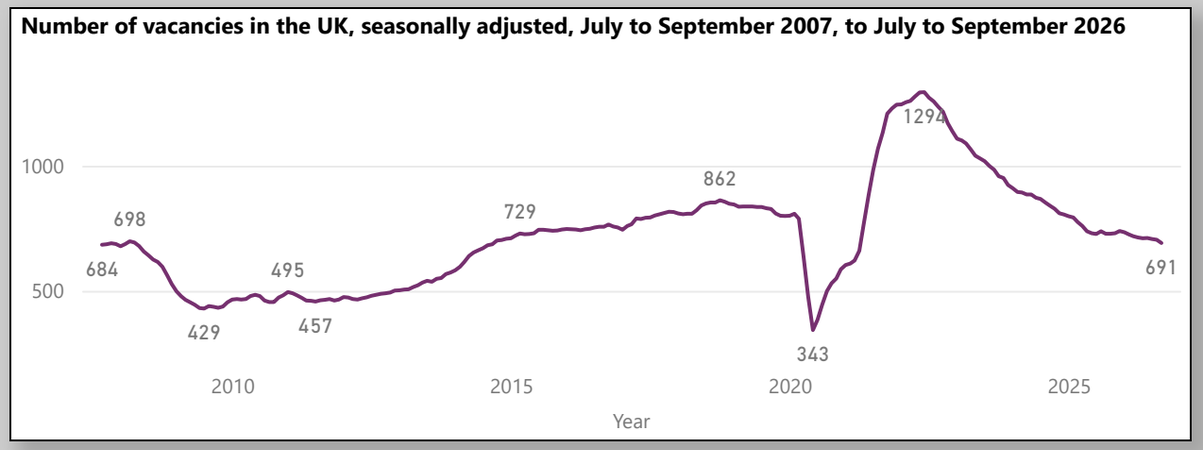
Business Closures

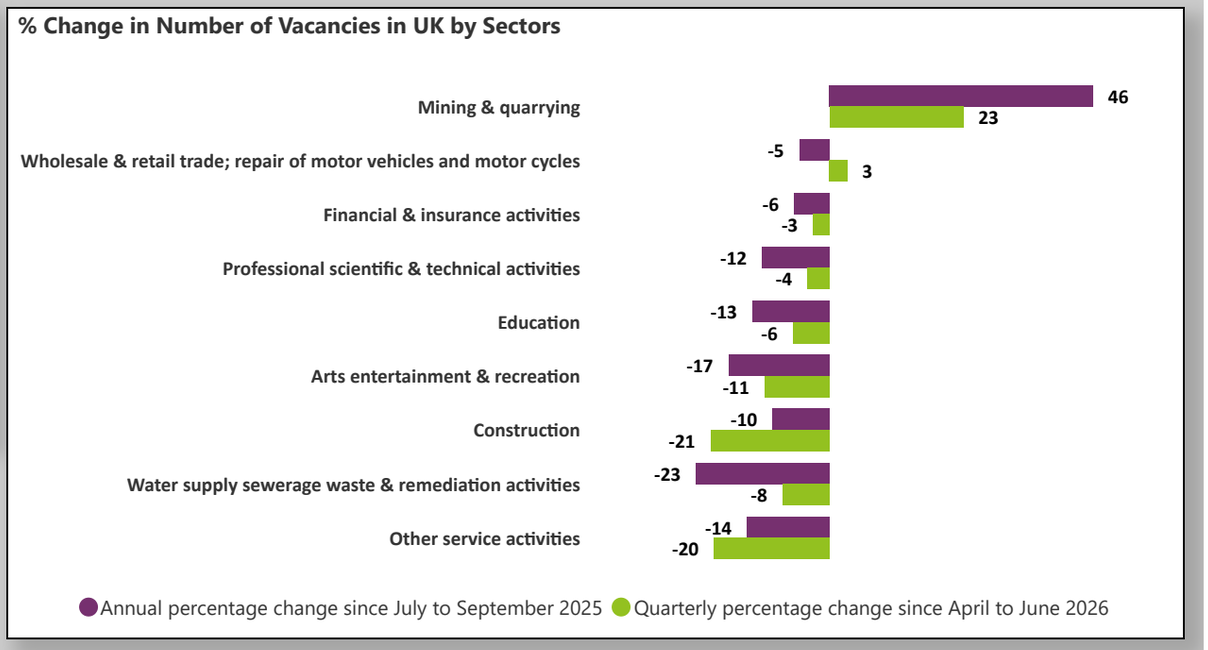
- Company insolvencies in England and Wales stood at 1,882 in September 2026, which was 4% lower than in August 2026.
- Company insolvencies consisted of 341 compulsory liquidations, 1,420 creditors' voluntary liquidations (CVLs), 102 administrations and 19 company voluntary arrangements (CVAs).
- There were 11,894 individual insolvencies in England and Wales.
- Individual insolvencies consisted of 671 bankruptcies, 3,838 debt relief orders (DROs) and 7,385 individual voluntary arrangements (IVAs).

Energy Expenditure by Income

- The lowest-income households spend approximately **12.5% of disposable income on energy**, compared with **1.9% among the highest-income households.**
- The Government has announced a **£100 support payment for eligible households** to help with ongoing cost of living pressures. Based on around **411,220 properties** across West Sussex, this could result in approximately **£41.1 million** being distributed across the county.

Job Vacancies (UK)





Summary of job vacancies (UK).

Overall:

- Estimated vacancies are for the period of July to September 2026.
- Vacancies change measures from the dates April 2026 to June 2026.
- The number of unemployed people per vacancy was 2.4 in June 2026 to August 2026, down from 2.5 in March to May 2026, a level at which the ratio has remained unchanged since July to September 2025.

Job Vacancies

691000 ▼

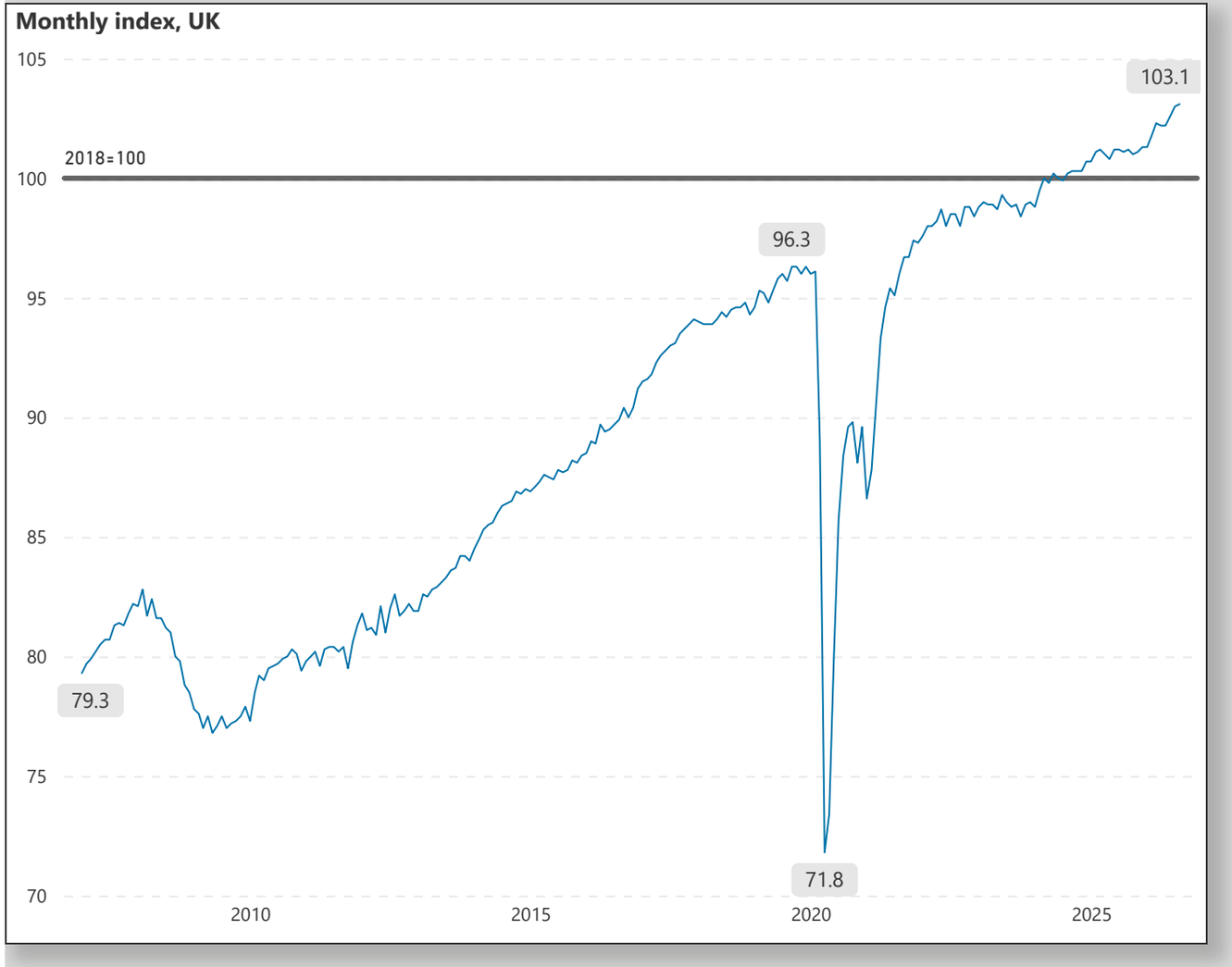
Vacancies Change %

2.90% ▼

Source: ONS

Released: 20 October 2026

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)



GDP % Change	0.70% ▲
Services % Chan...	0.90% ▲
Production % C...	0.20% ▼
Construction % ...	1.00% ▼

Summary of Gross Domestic Product for the three months up to August 2026 (GDP) (UK).

Overall:

- Monthly GDP is an estimate of all final goods and services produced within a country's borders during a specific period typically a year or quarter.

Output growth:

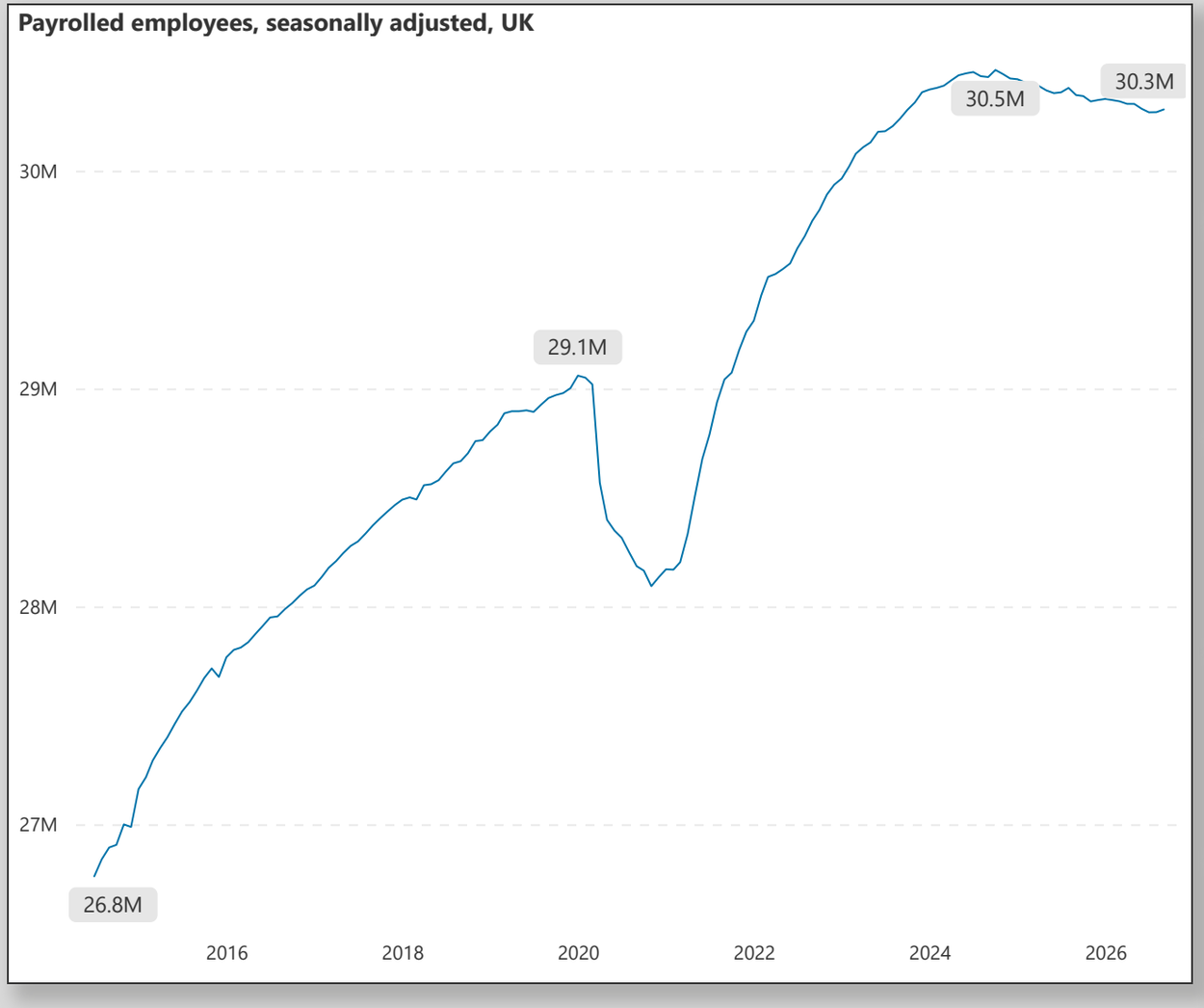
GDP growth is measured in three sectors:

- Services deals with a large and diverse grouping of industries that produce intangible economic output. This includes: wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, information and communication, transportation and storage and many more.
- Production deals with industries at each stage of production (manufacturing, services and agriculture).
- Construction deals with the amount of output chargeable to customers for building and civil engineering.

Source: ONS, GDP Monthly Estimate

Released: 15 October 2026

Labour Market



No. of Payrolled Employees

30.3 million

Payrolled Employees % Change

0.20% ▼

Largest Sector Increase Change

66000 ▲

Largest Sector No Decrease

-71000 ▼

Monthly Median Pay % Change

5.60% ▲

Summary of Labour Market (UK).

Overall:

- Estimates are for September 2026 with the change being measured from the previous year.
- The largest increase sector was in administrative and support services sector.
- The largest decrease sector was in wholesale and retail sector.
- Median monthly median change is for September 2025 to September 2026.
- Annual growth in median pay in September 2026 was highest in the other services activities sector, with an increase of 5.6%. it was lowest in the transportation and storage sector, with a increase of 1.8%.

Source: ONS, Earning and Employment from Pay As You Earn

Released: 20 October 2026

Business Trading

Turnover % Change in Previous Month	Concern on Fuel Prices	Goods and services bought
17% ▲	72.00%	33% ▲

Goods and services sell expectations %	Goods and services sell	Concern regarding energy prices
17% ▲	12% ▲	15% ▲

Summary of business insights and impact on the UK economy.

This data is the final results from Wave 166 of the Business Insights and Conditions Survey (BICS) which was live 5 to 18 October 2026.

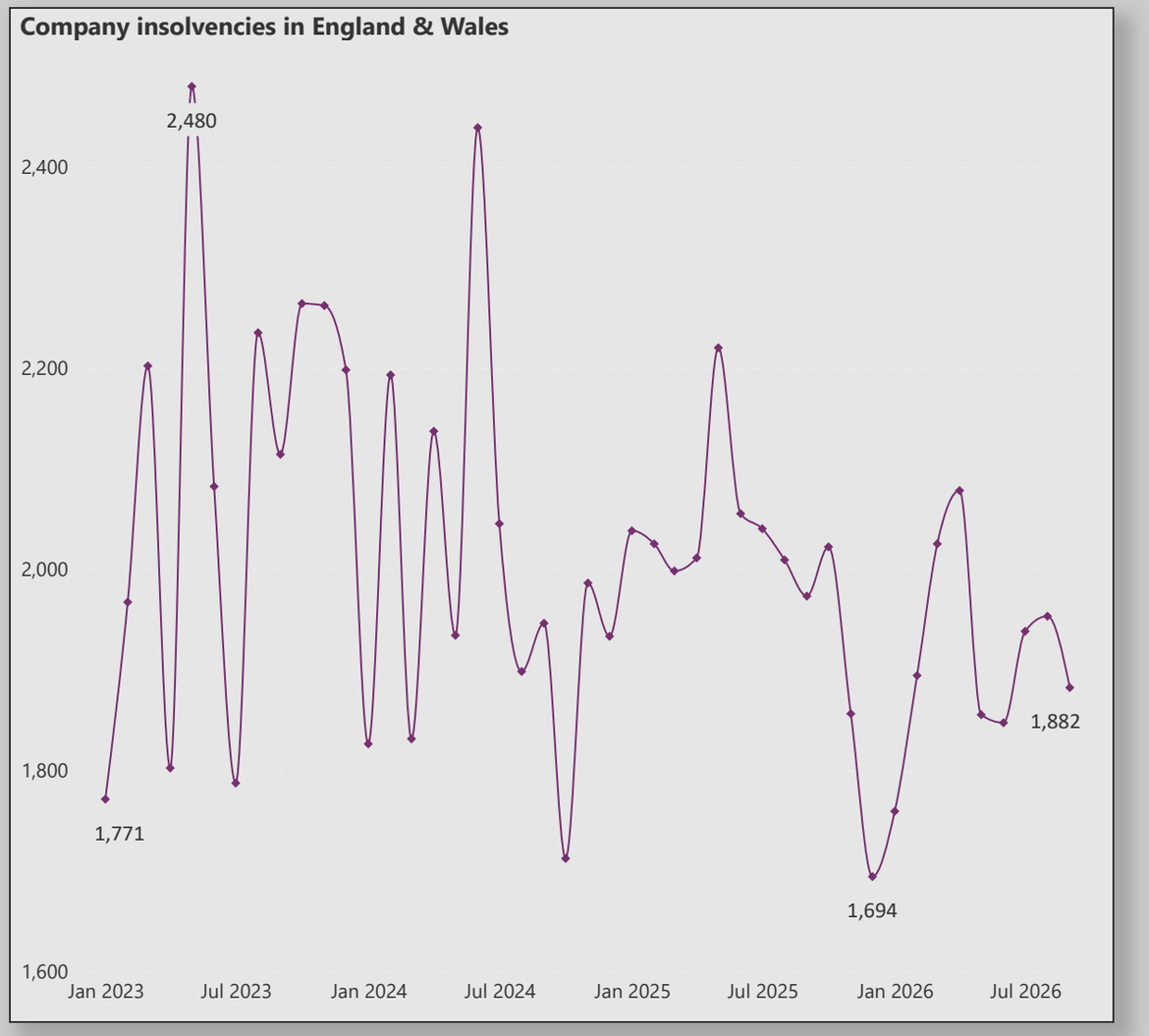
Overall:

- All figures shown above are for trading businesses.
- Goods and services bought and sold refer to the previous month of September 2026 while goods and services expectation refer to what businesses expect prices to be in the next month of November 2026.

Source: ONS, Business insights and impact on the UK economy

Released: 22 October 2026

Business Closures (Company)



Company insolvancies No

1882 ▼

Insolvancy % Change

4.00% ▼

Administrations

102

Compulsory liquidations

341

Creditors' voluntary liquidations

1420

Company voluntary arrangements

19

Summary of business closures (company) on the UK economy.

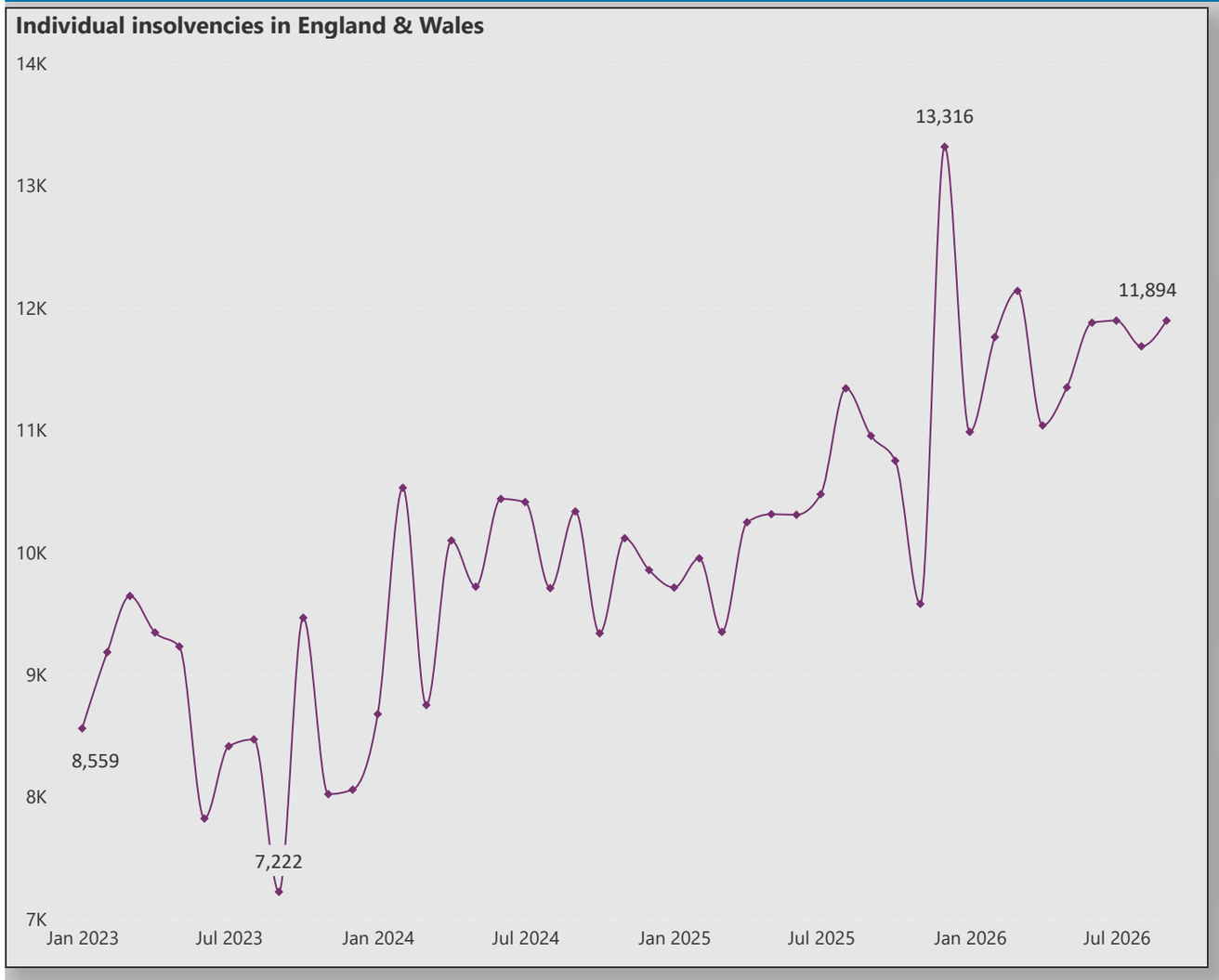
Overall:

- Company insolvencies figures are for England and Wales for the month of September 2026.

Source: Gov.uk, Monthly Insolvency Statistics (company)

Released: 20 October 2026

Business Closures (Individual)



Individual insolvancies No

11894 ▼

Bankruptcies

671

Debt relief orders

3,838

Individual volunary arrangements

7,385

Summary of business closures (individual) on the UK economy.

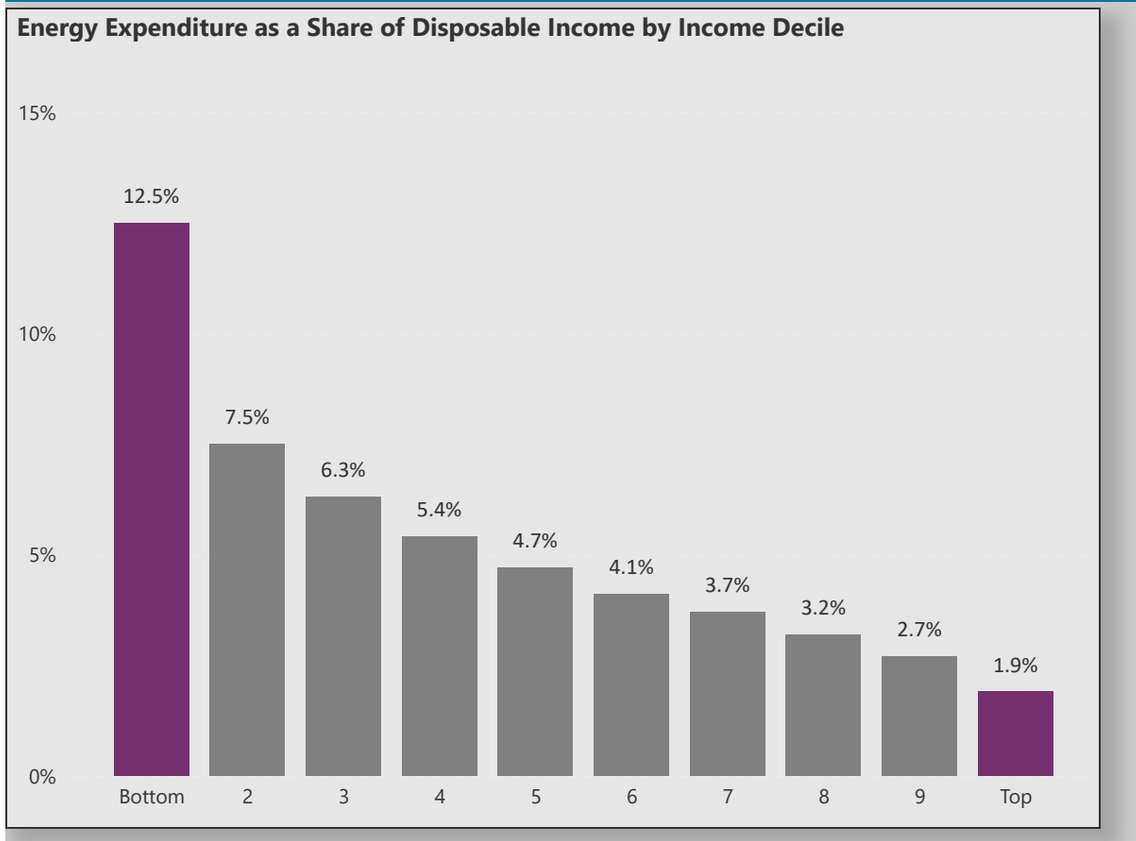
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Source: Gov.uk, Monthly Insolvency Statistics (Individual)

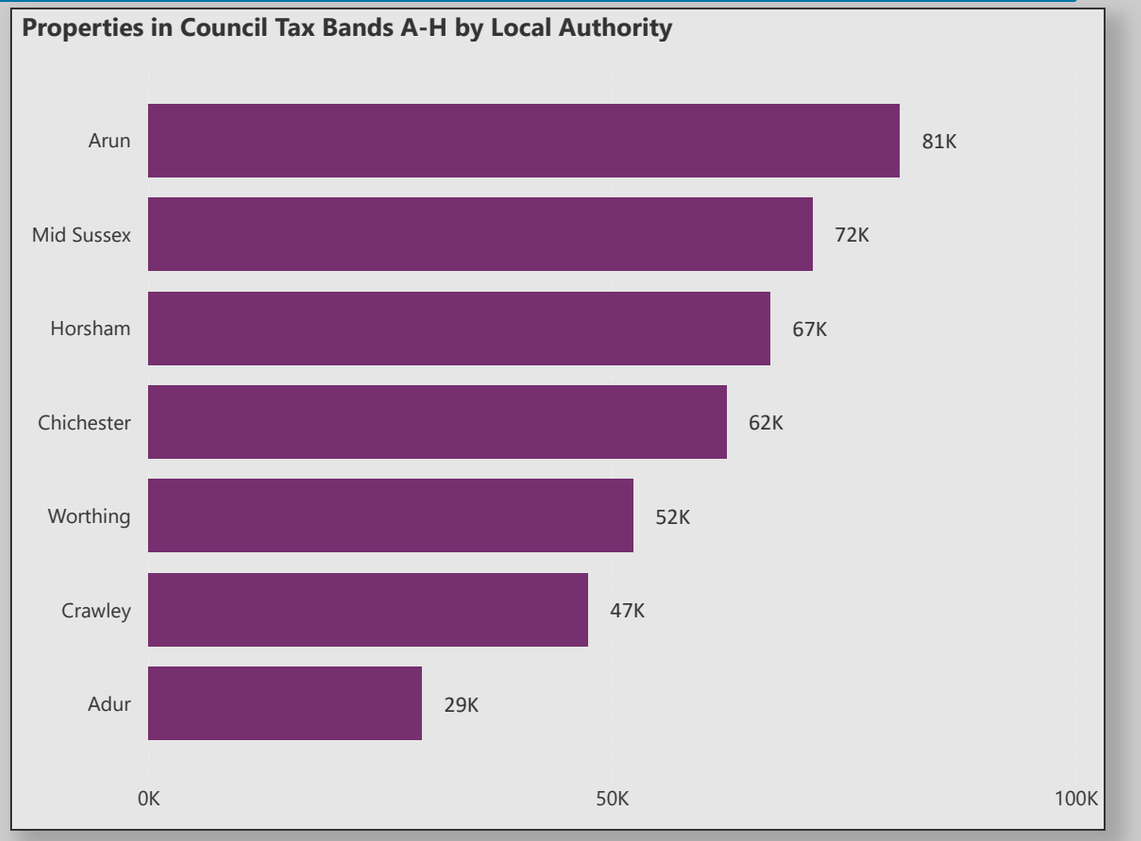
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Energy Expenditure by Income



Energy affordability varies substantially by income. The lowest-income households spend approximately **12.5% of disposable income on energy**, compared with **1.9% among the highest-income households**, demonstrating that energy costs represent a much greater financial burden for poorer households.

Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS), *Disposable Income and Energy Expenditure for Different Fuel Type Households and Household Types, UK* and *Family Spending* datasets



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Source: Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), *2026_CT_SoP_Supplementary_Table*