

FACT SHEET



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ONLINE JOB POSTING TRENDS

KEY MESSAGES

While recognising that the data from this source can vary from month to month and readers should avoid drawing conclusions on the basis of one month's figures, the latest data shows that:

- ▶ There were **11,700** new online job postings in July 2023, which was a 21% decrease from June 2023 and 31% decrease annually.
- ▶ There was also a **9%** decrease in the UK job postings over the month, and an **8%** decrease annually.
- ▶ New online job postings for Apprenticeships in July 2023 decreased by **23%** compared with June 2023 and were 31% lower than the same month last year. Postings had peaked at 700 in April 2023.

* Figures correct as of 02/08/23



APPRENTICESHIPS

300 online job postings had at least one the following terms in their advertisement:
Apprentice or Apprenticeship

Information has been gathered using Lightcast



TOP OCCUPATIONS

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/careers>

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE OCCUPATIONS N.E.C

Approx.
700 jobs

4% of job
postings

POPULAR JOB TITLES:

- ▶ Clerical Officers
- ▶ Office Administrators
- ▶ Administrators
- ▶ Administrative Assistants

SKILLS:

- ▶ Invoicing
- ▶ Administrative Support
- ▶ Data Entry
- ▶ Finance

SALES RELATED OCCUPATIONS N.E.C

Approx.
600 jobs

4% of job
postings

POPULAR JOB TITLES:

- ▶ Sales Assistants
- ▶ Sales Advisors
- ▶ Account Managers
- ▶ Sales Colleagues

SKILLS:

- ▶ Product Knowledge
- ▶ Selling Techniques
- ▶ Merchandising
- ▶ Marketing

CARE WORKERS AND HOME CARERS

Approx.
500 jobs

3% of job
postings

POPULAR JOB TITLES:

- ▶ Support Workers
- ▶ Care Assistants
- ▶ Domestic Assistants
- ▶ Community Care Assistants

SKILLS:

- ▶ Personal Care
- ▶ Companionship
- ▶ Mental Health
- ▶ Learning Disabilities

*Figures are subject to revision by Lightcast

ONLINE JOB POSTINGS



Jobs reported to the Northern Ireland Employment Service can be found on [JobApplyNI](#).
If you wish to chat online with a careers adviser for advice and guidance on your careers options see [Nidirect careers](#).

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Job title	Employer	Location
Various Pharmacy Jobs	Boots	Across Northern Ireland
Various Dentistry Related	Bupa	Across Northern Ireland
Various Care Related Roles	Larchwood Care NI	Across Northern Ireland
Various Support Workers	Autism Initiatives	Across Northern Ireland
Various Care Worker Roles	Connected Health	Across Northern Ireland
Various Healthcare Related	Northern Ireland Hospice	Belfast and Newtownabbey
Various Carer and Support Worker Roles	Lucas Love Healthcare	Across Northern Ireland
Registered Nurse and Care Worker Roles	Kingdom Healthcare Limited	Across Northern Ireland
Various Nursing Roles	Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Trust	Across Northern Ireland

RETAIL, CONTACT CENTRES, CLEANING, MANUFACTURING, WAREHOUSING AND DISTRIBUTION

Job title	Employer	Location
Various Retail Related Roles	Lidl	Across Northern Ireland
Various Retail Roles	The Range	Across Northern Ireland
Various Retail	Halfords	Across Northern Ireland
Various Retail Roles	Cafe Nero	Across Northern Ireland
Various Retail Roles	Screwfix	Across Northern Ireland
Various Retail Related	Tesco	Across Northern Ireland
Various Retail Related Roles	Armatile	Across Northern Ireland
Various Retail Related Roles	ASDA	Across Northern Ireland

LIFE SCIENCES, TECHNICAL, PROFESSIONAL, ENGINEERING, SOFTWARE AND OTHER

Job title	Employer	Location
Various Engineering Roles	Expleo Technology	Belfast
Various Engineering and Technical Roles	AECOM	Belfast
Various Professional Roles	RSM	Belfast
Various Professional and Manual Laboring Jobs	Octopus Energy	Portadown
Various Architect Roles	Kainos	Belfast
Various Engineer Related Roles	Terex Group	Across Northern Ireland
Various Finance, Software and Scientific Roles	Almac	Craigavon
Various Professional Roles	Citigroup	Belfast
Various Professional Roles	Ernst and Young	Belfast

DEPARTMENT FOR THE ECONOMY SKILLS PROGRAMMES

Skills programmes for individuals



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Assured Skills

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If you're unemployed, under-employed, or want to change career, then **ASSURED SKILLS** pre-employment training can help you. In the last 2 years over 900 people have secured employment through academies.



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Apprenticeships

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An **APPRENTICESHIP** can give you the training and qualifications you need to help you get ahead in your chosen career. There are currently two framework levels to choose from, Level 2 and 3. It usually takes up to two years to complete one level and up to four years to finish the two levels depending on their complexity and your ability.

Higher Level Apprenticeship

If you've completed A Levels or equivalent, you may be interested in a **HIGHER LEVEL APPRENTICESHIP**, which offers the opportunity to gain quality training and a recognised higher education qualification at level 4 to 7 (Foundation Degree to Masters) while in paid employment. By taking part in a Higher Level Apprenticeship, you can gain the skills that employers need and that are relevant to the local economy, therefore improving your prospects of good earnings and sustained employment.



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Skill Up

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If you're aged 18 and over and eligible to work in Northern Ireland, a range of free accredited courses are available to help you re-train and re-skill, through **SKILL UP – the flexible skills programme**. The Department for the Economy is supporting free short courses, delivered by the local further and higher education providers.

Skills programmes for businesses



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InnovateUs

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InnovateUs is fully funded by DfE to help small businesses (with fewer than 50 employees) gain the skills they need to engage in innovation activities. Fully funded by the Department for the Economy and delivered by the six local Further Education colleges, the programme provides up to 60 hours of tailored training, either in the workplace, at the college, or online, to develop new products, processes, or services. Businesses can then progress to further innovation to help their growth and development. The Programme provides an important first step for small businesses who wish to gain the skills necessary to engage in innovation. It provides tailored training support to meet the needs of each individual business.



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Skills Focus

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SKILLS FOCUS aims to support, promote, and facilitate collaborative working between business and colleges, to provide tailored skills provision to small-to-medium enterprises (SMEs with fewer than 250 employees) and meet business needs by increasing the skills levels and employability of the existing workforce to qualification at level 2 and above, up to and including Level 7 (master's degree level). The programme is currently full funded by DfE.