

The Leeds Economy

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Historical Economic Development

- 1322 A fulling mill is erected on the east side of Leeds Bridge, encouraging the growth of cloth production in the district. Specialist workers, such as dyers gained Leeds a reputation as a finishing centre for the woollen industry in the surrounding area.
- 1626 Charter of Incorporation awarded by Charles I in recognition of Leeds' prosperity and fame in the making, selling and exporting of woollen cloth. Leeds adopts the Golden Fleece as its coat of arms.
- 1661 Cloth workers guild set up by the Corporation. Though cloth dominates the economic life of Leeds, the town is also important for other trades and professions. Five other guilds are formed. The first largely consists of building workers; the second shopkeepers. The three others consist of cordwainers (shoemakers); tailors and workers in hardware. Coal mining and quarrying continue to be highly important industries in the borough.
- 1698 Traveller Celia Fiennes wrote, "Leeds is a large town...esteemed the wealthiest town of its bigness in the County".
- 1699 Termination of the Aire and Calder Navigation gives Leeds a vital link eastwards to Hull and the North Sea.
- 1700 Termination of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal links Leeds to Liverpool and enables raw materials to be brought cheaply in bulk to the town.
- 1755 Act of Parliament aimed at improving street lighting described "The Town...is a place of great Trade and large extent, consisting of many streets, narrow lanes and alleys, inhabited by great numbers of Tradesmen, Manufacturers, Artificers..".
- 1758 Opening of Middleton Colliery Railway, the world's first commercial railway.
- 1792 Building begins on the world's first woollen factory at Bean Ings, Wellington Street by Benjamin Gott - one of the most significant and innovative figures in the history of the woollen industry.
- 1812 Matthew Murray builds the first successful steam engine at his Hunslet works in south Leeds.
- 1893 Yorkshire Factory Times writes "Leeds is at last a city" through incorporation by royal charter. In the same year, the Chamber of Commerce recognises that the "good fortune" of Leeds is based on a diversity of manufacturing and commercial activity.
- 1902 It was said that "the [Leeds] district is favoured by reason of the variety of its industries and the effects of bad trade are never felt to the same extent as in districts which are dependent on one or two industries merely."
- 1911 Tailoring, engineering and textiles are the three largest industries accounting for 45% of the workforce. 30,000 are employed in the ready-to-wear clothing industry alone, which grew further under the influence of Montague Burton (1885-1952).
- 1938 The Leeds Publicity and Development Department could state that the City is not only a centre for clothing, printing and engineering, but that "increasing interest is being given to furniture making, chemicals and soap manufacture, coach building, watches and clocks, fish canning, button making, electrical appliances and accessories."

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- 1951 Only half of the workforce remains in manufacturing while over two fifths work in services. Between 1951 and 1973, 37,000 jobs were lost in manufacturing whilst 32,000 were gained in the business and service sectors.
- 1974 Local government reorganisation increases the City's population by 50% to 750,000 and its area to 211 square miles. The creation of Leeds Metropolitan District is largely due to the recognition that the City had attained definite regional pre-eminence because of its long tradition of commercial activity.
- 1981 Manufacturing jobs decline to 80,000 jobs, but the strength of the service industries, employing almost 190,000, keep employment high by national standards.
- 1991 Employment in the financial sector grew by over two-thirds during the 1980s to 45,400. Manufacturing employs 64,000 across Leeds.
- 1992 First Direct, providing telephone banking services around the clock is the fastest growing employer in Leeds. It is significant to the economic changes in Leeds that their new premises were built on a site previously occupied by the manufacturer Waddingtons – its games division containing such global brands as Monopoly, Cluedo, and Subbuteo.
- 2005 Leeds becomes the second largest employer in the financial and business services sector outside London, with over 109,000 employees.
- 2005 According to The UK Legal 500, 'Leeds has a sophisticated and highly competitive legal market, second only to London'.
- 2009 Leeds is named as a pilot area for the Government's city region initiative which could give the Leeds city region new powers in areas such as housing, regeneration, transport and economic development.
- 2009 Leeds climbs into the top 25 cities in Europe to do business, according to Cushman and Wakefield's European Cities Monitor.

Gross Value Added and productivity

Sources of data

ONS produces annual estimates of Gross Value Added (GVA) for different parts of the UK. The provisional data for 2013 was published in December 2014. The lowest spatial level for which they are made is NUTS 3. There are 128 NUTS 3 areas in Great Britain. Leeds MD is a NUTS 3 area in its own right, but some other NUTS 3 areas are groups of local authorities. For example, Calderdale and Kirklees together comprise a NUTS 3 area.

GVA in 2013

- Leeds MD's GVA was £20.4bn in 2013.
- It is around 44% of West Yorkshire's, 20% of Yorkshire and the Humber's, and 1.4% of GB's
- Leeds is by far the largest centre of economic activity in the Yorkshire and Humber region: it is 82% higher than Sheffield's and 133% higher than Bradford's, for example.
- Compared with other major GB cities and conurbations, its GVA is exceeded only by London (comprising five NUTS 3 areas - £338bn), Greater Manchester South (£38.6bn) and Birmingham (£24.1bn). It was higher than Glasgow (£19.3bn), Edinburgh (£18.6bn), Greater Manchester North (£17.6bn) and Tyneside (£17.2bn).

GVA growth

- Over the last 10 years, GVA growth in Leeds was marginally lower than West Yorkshire, but higher than the region as a whole. It was lower than UK.
- Over the last 5 years, again it was lower than these three areas.
- Of the 18 NUTS 3 areas given in the table below, Leeds had the 12th equal highest growth in the previous decade and 18th in the last 5 years.

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| GVA and GVA growth | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Selected Spatial Areas | GVA, £bn | | | GVA growth (%) | |
| | 2003 | 2008 | 2013 (Prov) | 2003- 2013 | 2008- 2013 |
| GB | 1042 | 1338 | 1492 | 43 | 12 |
| NUTS 1 | | | | | |
| London | 208.4 | 286.3 | 338.5 | 62 | 18 |
| Yorkshire and the Humber | 74.6 | 94.4 | 101.7 | 36 | 8 |
| NUTS 2 | | | | | |
| West Yorks | 33.5 | 43.5 | 46.2 | 38 | 6 |
| South Yorks | 16.4 | 20.4 | 22.6 | 38 | 10 |
| E Yorks & N Lincs | 12.4 | 15.6 | 16.3 | 31 | 5 |
| North Yorks | 12.3 | 14.8 | 16.6 | 34 | 12 |
| NUTS 3 | | | | | |
| Greater Manchester South | 25.9 | 33.1 | 38.6 | 49 | 17 |
| Birmingham | 17.6 | 21.0 | 24.1 | 37 | 15 |
| Leeds | 14.9 | 20.0 | 20.4 | 37 | 2 |
| Glasgow | 13.6 | 17.8 | 19.3 | 42 | 8 |
| Edinburgh | 12.7 | 16.4 | 18.6 | 46 | 14 |
| Greater Manchester North | 13.6 | 16.6 | 17.6 | 30 | 6 |
| Tyneside | 11.7 | 15.5 | 17.2 | 47 | 11 |
| Bristol | 9.2 | 11.6 | 12.6 | 38 | 9 |
| Sheffield | 7.8 | 9.9 | 11.2 | 43 | 13 |
| Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan | 7.9 | 10.0 | 11.0 | 39 | 9 |
| Calderdale/Kirklees | 7.6 | 9.6 | 10.7 | 40 | 11 |
| Liverpool | 7.5 | 9.6 | 10.6 | 41 | 11 |
| Bradford | 6.6 | 8.3 | 8.7 | 32 | 5 |
| Nottingham | 6.2 | 7.9 | 8.7 | 40 | 10 |
| Leicester | 5.2 | 6.0 | 6.9 | 32 | 14 |
| Wakefield | 4.4 | 5.6 | 6.5 | 47 | 16 |
| Hull | 3.7 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 31 | 7 |
| York | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 28 | 12 |
| Leeds City Region | 44.2 | 56.4 | 60.5 | 37 | 7 |
| Source: Local Gross Value Added (ONS): Dec 2014 | | | | | |

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Productivity

ONS has produced smoothed experimental statistics of two measures of labour productivity for the NUTS2 and NUTS3 subregions of the UK:

- GVA per filled job and
- GVA per hour worked

The analysis below cover GVA per filled job for 2007 to 2012, while GVA per hour worked covers 2008 to 2013.

- GVA per filled job in Leeds is estimated to be £45,460 in 2012, a 3% increase on 2007. Leeds data is higher than the Y&H region, but significantly less than London.
- GVA per hour worked was £28.6 in 2013, a 2% increase on 2008. Again Leeds does better than the region, but worse than London.

| GVA per filled job | | | |
|--|----------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Selected Spatial Areas | GVA per filled job (£'000) | | % change |
| | 2007 | 2012 | 2007-2012 |
| UK | 42.7 | 47.1 | 10 |
| NUTS 1 | | | |
| London | 58.7 | 65.7 | 12 |
| Yorkshire and the Humber | 37.9 | 40.7 | 7 |
| NUTS 2 | | | |
| West Yorks | 39.7 | 42.8 | 8 |
| South Yorks | 35.5 | 39.0 | 10 |
| North Yorks | 35.9 | 38.0 | 6 |
| E Riding & N Lincs | 38.7 | 40.6 | 5 |
| NUTS 3 | | | |
| Leeds | 44.0 | 45.5 | 3 |
| Bradford | 38.3 | 41.0 | 7 |
| Calderdale/Kirklees | 35.7 | 40.0 | 12 |
| Wakefield | 36.3 | 42.1 | 16 |
| York | 39.8 | 40.1 | 1 |
| Sheffield | 36.8 | 41.0 | 11 |
| Tyneside | 37.3 | 41.1 | 10 |
| Hull | 36.5 | 38.7 | 6 |
| Greater Manchester North | 35.5 | 38.6 | 9 |
| Greater Manchester South | 41.5 | 45.2 | 9 |
| Liverpool | 39.6 | 44.3 | 12 |
| Nottingham | 39.0 | 42.7 | 9 |
| Leicester | 35.8 | 38.5 | 7 |
| Birmingham | 39.9 | 45.3 | 13 |
| Bristol | 44.2 | 48.0 | 9 |
| Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan | 39.5 | 42.4 | 7 |
| Edinburgh | 49.6 | 52.9 | 7 |
| Glasgow | 40.8 | 46.8 | 15 |
| Leeds City Region | 39.4 | 41.9 | 6 |
| Source: ONS Experimental Statistics http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/publications/re-reference-tables.html?edition=tcm%3A77-393200 | | | |

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| GVA per hour worked | | | |
|--|------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Selected Spatial Areas | GVA per hour (£) | | % change |
| | 2008 | 2013 | 2008-2013 |
| UK | 27.4 | 30.1 | 10 |
| NUTS 1 | | | |
| London | 35.8 | 38.8 | 9 |
| Yorkshire and the Humber | 24.7 | 26.3 | 7 |
| NUTS 2 | | | |
| West Yorks | 25.6 | 27.2 | 6 |
| South Yorks | 23.4 | 25.7 | 10 |
| North Yorks | 23.7 | 25.3 | 6 |
| E Riding & N Lincs | 25.3 | 26.0 | 3 |
| NUTS 3 | | | |
| Leeds | 28.0 | 28.6 | 2 |
| Bradford | 24.4 | 27.0 | 10 |
| Calderdale/Kirklees | 23.7 | 25.9 | 9 |
| Wakefield | 23.4 | 26.1 | 12 |
| York | 25.8 | 27.1 | 5 |
| Sheffield | 24.5 | 27.7 | 13 |
| Tyneside | 23.8 | 27.4 | 15 |
| Hull | 23.7 | 23.8 | 1 |
| Greater Manchester North | 23.2 | 25.0 | 8 |
| Greater Manchester South | 26.3 | 28.8 | 9 |
| Liverpool | 25.6 | 28.6 | 12 |
| Nottingham | 25.3 | 26.3 | 4 |
| Leicester | 22.7 | 25.6 | 12 |
| Birmingham | 25.7 | 28.1 | 9 |
| Bristol | 27.7 | 28.8 | 4 |
| Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan | 25.5 | 28.3 | 11 |
| Edinburgh | 31.1 | 33.8 | 9 |
| Glasgow | 25.4 | 29.7 | 17 |
| Leeds City Region | 25.3 | 26.8 | 6 |
| Source: ONS Experimental Statistics http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/publications/re-reference-tables.html?edition=tcn%3A77-393200 | | | |

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Sectors

10 years in Leeds

The table below shows sectoral changes between 2002 and 2012. Financial and business services showed an increase, while production activities and distribution decreased.

| GVA distribution by sector:(%) | | | |
|--------------------------------|------|------|--------|
| | 2002 | 2012 | Change |
| Production | 14 | 12 | -2 |
| Construction | 6 | 5 | -1 |
| Distribution | 18 | 15 | -2 |
| Info & comms | 7 | 6 | - |
| Finance & insurance | 8 | 10 | +1 |
| Real estate activities | 13 | 13 | -1 |
| Business services | 10 | 15 | +4 |
| Public services | 19 | 20 | - |
| Total (incl other | 100 | 100 | |

Comparisons with other major centres 2012

- 37% of GVA in 2012 in Leeds was accounted for by finance and business services. Only Glasgow, Edinburgh and Bristol have higher percentages.
- Leeds has the 3rd lowest level for public services.

| GVA distribution by Sector in 2012 (%) | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| | Prod | Distr | FBS | Public Servs | Other | Total (£m) |
| Greater Manchester South | 10 | 19 | 37 | 19 | 15 | 36583 |
| Birmingham | 12 | 17 | 36 | 24 | 11 | 22708 |
| Leeds | 12 | 15 | 37 | 20 | 16 | 19564 |
| Glasgow | 10 | 14 | 39 | 22 | 14 | 18786 |
| Edinburgh | 6 | 13 | 47 | 22 | 12 | 18070 |
| Greater Manchester North | 18 | 20 | 23 | 22 | 17 | 17205 |
| Tyneside | 12 | 16 | 28 | 28 | 16 | 16650 |
| Bristol | 7 | 15 | 43 | 21 | 13 | 12470 |
| Sheffield | 13 | 16 | 27 | 28 | 15 | 10922 |
| Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan | 10 | 15 | 35 | 28 | 13 | 10573 |
| Calderdale/Kirklees | 20 | 21 | 26 | 19 | 14 | 10551 |
| Liverpool | 8 | 17 | 32 | 30 | 13 | 10512 |
| Nottingham | 7 | 18 | 36 | 26 | 14 | 8774 |
| Bradford | 19 | 17 | 27 | 25 | 12 | 8606 |
| Leicester | 19 | 16 | 23 | 31 | 12 | 6552 |
| Wakefield | 16 | 25 | 22 | 22 | 14 | 6263 |
| Hull | 26 | 17 | 19 | 26 | 11 | 4819 |
| York | 8 | 27 | 28 | 24 | 13 | 4617 |

Source: Local Gross Value Added (ONS)
NB. These figures use SIC2007

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The next 10 years

A more detailed analysis for Leeds and forecasts for the next 10 years are available from the Regional Economic Intelligence Unit/ Experian Business Strategies model.

| Output by sector, Leeds MD | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Sector | 2015, £m | % of whole economy output in 2015 | % of whole economy output in 2025 | % change in output | |
| | | | | 2005-15 | 2015-25 |
| Agriculture, mining | 54 | - | - | ... | ... |
| Manufacturing | 1,845 | 8 | 7 | +5 | +9 |
| Utilities | 779 | 4 | 3 | +67 | +10 |
| Construction | 1,164 | 5 | 6 | -9 | +32 |
| Wholesale and retail | 2,407 | 11 | 11 | +17 | +27 |
| Transport and storage | 832 | 4 | 3 | +2 | +14 |
| Accommodation, food services | 824 | 4 | 3 | +34 | +16 |
| Information & communication | 1,496 | 7 | 7 | +44 | +29 |
| Finance and business services | 8,528 | 38 | 43 | +18 | +38 |
| Public admin, educat'n & health | 3,839 | 17 | 15 | -2 | +10 |
| Personal services | 355 | 2 | 1 | +14 | +11 |
| Whole economy | 22,124 | 100 | 100 | +13 | +25 |

Source: Experian Business Strategies (Winter 2014)

Diversity

In terms of having an employee distribution similar to that of Great Britain, Sheffield and Leeds are the most diverse.

- In 2013 Leeds and Sheffield were the most diverse of the 14 major employment centres outside of London.
- Leeds has consistently ranked in the three most diverse locations.
- It emphasizes the fact that Leeds has retained its manufacturing strength as well as consolidating its position a major centre for finance and business services.

| City | Rank | City | Rank |
|------------|------|------------|------|
| Sheffield | 1 | Liverpool | 8 |
| Leeds | 2 | Bradford | 9 |
| Bristol | 3 | Newcastle | 10 |
| Birmingham | 4 | Nottingham | 11 |
| Glasgow | 5 | Edinburgh | 12 |
| Cardiff | 6 | Manchester | 13 |
| Aberdeen* | 7 | Leicester | 14 |

* The energy sector was excluded from the analysis, hence the reason for this ranking

Business formation and the level of entrepreneurship

ONS Business Demography Methodology

The starting point for demography is the concept of a population of active businesses in a reference year. These are defined as businesses that had either turnover or employment at any time during the reference period. Births and deaths are then identified by comparing active populations for different years.

Births: A birth is defined as a business that was present in year t, but did not exist in year t-1 or t-2. Births do not include entry into the population as a result of mergers, break-ups, split offs or other restructuring. It is important to note that a business that is active in year t could also have been a birth in year t.

Deaths: A death is defined as a business that was on the active file in year t but was no longer present on the active file in year t+1 or t+2.

Survivals: A business is deemed to have survived if having been a birth in year t or having survived to year t; it is active in terms of employment and/or turnover in any part of year t+1. A business is considered to have survived if it is active in any part of the survival year under consideration.

Comparison with BERR Statistics

The main difference between ONS Business Demography and the BERR VAT – based publication is the inclusion of PAYE only records. The Business Demography methodology takes into account businesses that were active at any time during the reference year, whereas the BERR series is based on a snapshot taken from the Inter-Departmental Business Register at a point in time in March.

Overall, the ONS Business Demography series shows higher numbers of business births and deaths than the BERR VAT-based statistics. The ONS enterprise national birth rate (as a proportion of active enterprises) was 13.1% in 2007, compared to 10.1% in the BERR VAT-based series. The ONS enterprise death rate (as a proportion of active enterprises) was 9.9% in 2007, compared to 7.3% in the BERR VAT-based series.

The figures do not give a complete picture of business start-ups and closures. Once non-VAT registered and non-PAYE are added in, the actual number of businesses in Leeds is probably between 45,000 and 50,000. This compares with a BERR stock figure of 20,700 in 2007 and an ONS figure of 26,115 in 2013.

Data are not available at the ward level.

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VAT data: Stock, registrations and de-registrations

The table below shows the former BERR series and current ONS statistics. It covers the period 1997-2007 for the BERR series and 2004-2013 for the ONS series. It covers enterprises, not local units.

- The number of active businesses in Leeds has increased each year to 2013, reaching 26,155.
- The number of business births in 2013 was 3,895 while deaths were 2,670 – a net increase of 1,225.

| Enterprise registrations and de-registrations, Leeds MD | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| BERR series : VAT only | | | | | |
| Year | Stock at start of year | Registrations | De-registrations | Net Change | Stock at end of year |
| 1997 | 17,485 | 1,955 | 1,690 | 265 | 17,750 |
| 1998 | 17,750 | 1,915 | 1,700 | 215 | 17,965 |
| 1999 | 17,965 | 1,860 | 1,730 | 135 | 18,095 |
| 2000 | 18,095 | 1,935 | 1,755 | 180 | 18,280 |
| 2001 | 18,280 | 1,835 | 1,765 | 70 | 18,350 |
| 2002 | 18,350 | 1,970 | 1,855 | 115 | 18,465 |
| 2003 | 18,465 | 2,140 | 1,720 | 420 | 18,885 |
| 2004 | 18,885 | 2,080 | 1,750 | 325 | 19,210 |
| 2005 | 19,210 | 1,975 | 1,545 | 430 | 19,640 |
| 2006 | 19,640 | 2,025 | 1,625 | 395 | 20,040 |
| 2007 | 20,040 | 2,435 | 1,770 | 670 | 20,710 |
| ONS Business Demography series : VAT/PAYE | | | | | |
| | | Births | Deaths | B-D | Active |
| 2004 | | 2,860 | 2,595 | 265 | 22,660 |
| 2005 | | 2,955 | 2,650 | 305 | 22,965 |
| 2006 | | 2,740 | 2,330 | 410 | 23,020 |
| 2007 | | 2,995 | 2,420 | 575 | 23,690 |
| 2008 | | 2,770 | 2,480 | 290 | 24,190 |
| 2009 | | 2,500 | 3,030 | -530 | 24,315 |
| 2010 | | 2,830 | 2,790 | 40 | 24,780 |
| 2011 | | 2,910 | 2,540 | 370 | 24,700 |
| 2012 | | 2,970 | 2,745 | 225 | 25,100 |
| 2013 | | 3,895 | 2,670 | 1,225 | 26,155 |
| NB. The number of Active Businesses - Eurostat's definition - are those active at any time over the course of the calendar year, rather than a specific point in time. So the number of Active Businesses in 2013 will not equal those in 2012 + Births – Deaths. | | | | | |

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Comparative change in stock for main urban areas

For Britain's largest employment centres, Leeds with 26,155 active enterprises in 2013 - the 2nd largest after Birmingham with 32,235.

Between 2009 and 2013 growth in Leeds was 8%. This was higher than the Core Cities (7%), Great Britain (5%), Leeds City Region (4%) and Yorkshire and the Humber (2%).

Between 2012 and 2013, of the 15 areas covered Leeds equal 8th highest.

| Main employment centres: Active enterprises | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------|----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2009 | % change | |
| | | | | 2009-13 | 2012-13 |
| Aberdeen | 9,750 | 9,285 | 8,035 | 21 | 5 |
| Manchester | 18,280 | 16,940 | 15,715 | 16 | 8 |
| Edinburgh | 18,255 | 17,525 | 16,195 | 13 | 4 |
| Bristol | 17,255 | 16,390 | 15,650 | 10 | 5 |
| Leicester | 10,605 | 9,940 | 9,740 | 9 | 7 |
| Leeds | 26,155 | 25,100 | 24,315 | 8 | 4 |
| Glasgow | 18,490 | 18,255 | 17,290 | 7 | 1 |
| Newcastle | 7,950 | 7,735 | 7,545 | 5 | 3 |
| Birmingham | 32,235 | 30,860 | 30,840 | 5 | 4 |
| Nottingham | 8,635 | 8,230 | 8,240 | 5 | 5 |
| Cardiff | 10,800 | 10,280 | 10,285 | 5 | 5 |
| Kirklees | 14,465 | 14,070 | 13,900 | 4 | 3 |
| Bradford | 15,200 | 14,875 | 14,700 | 3 | 2 |
| Sheffield | 15,815 | 15,340 | 15,300 | 3 | 3 |
| Liverpool | 12,570 | 11,955 | 12,205 | 3 | 5 |
| Great Britain | 2,392,965 | 2,316,705 | 2,282,200 | 5 | 3 |
| Inner London | 245,615 | 230,730 | 211,365 | 16 | 6 |
| Leeds City Region | 99,330 | 96,565 | 95,565 | 4 | 3 |
| West Yorkshire | 72,540 | 70,330 | 69,415 | 4 | 3 |
| Yorkshire & Humber | 170,195 | 165,840 | 166,825 | 2 | 3 |
| Core Cities | 168,185 | 161,085 | 157,385 | 7 | 4 |

Source: ONS – Business Demography: VAT + PAYE

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Birth rates

Leeds had a birth rate in 2013 of 77, lower than the GB rate (86), but higher than Leeds City Region (72%) and the Core Cities (73%).

Areas with high birth rates tend to have high death rates, reflecting the short lifespan of many new businesses.

| Business birth rates | |
|---|--|
| | Births per 10,000 of working age population, 2013 |
| Aberdeen | 90 |
| Manchester | 93 |
| Bristol | 86 |
| Leicester | 84 |
| Edinburgh | 80 |
| Leeds | 77 |
| Birmingham | 76 |
| Kirklees | 74 |
| Cardiff | 70 |
| Liverpool | 70 |
| Bradford | 68 |
| Glasgow | 68 |
| Nottingham | 62 |
| Newcastle | 61 |
| Sheffield | 58 |
| GB | 86 |
| Inner London | 186 |
| Core Cities | 73 |
| Leeds City Region | 72 |
| West Yorkshire | 72 |
| Yorkshire and Humber | 69 |
| Source: ONS – Business Demography | |
| NB. Births are businesses started up in the area by residents and non-residents. They are not a measure of business formation by people living in the area. | |
| NB: The 2013 analysis uses the 16-64 working age population as the denominator | |

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Survival Rates

The table below shows the survival rates in years 1, 3 and 5 for births in 2008.

- Leeds had the 8th highest survival rate after 5 years.
- The 5th equal highest after 3 years
- The 2nd highest after 1 year

| Survival rates of births in 2008 | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Area | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years |
| Aberdeen | 92 | 66 | 48 |
| Bristol | 92 | 60 | 43 |
| Kirklees | 94 | 59 | 43 |
| Edinburgh | 89 | 57 | 42 |
| Sheffield | 91 | 58 | 42 |
| Cardiff | 93 | 57 | 42 |
| Newcastle | 90 | 57 | 42 |
| Leeds | 93 | 57 | 41 |
| Bradford | 93 | 55 | 39 |
| Birmingham | 92 | 54 | 37 |
| Leicester | 92 | 51 | 37 |
| Glasgow | 90 | 54 | 36 |
| Nottingham | 91 | 54 | 36 |
| Liverpool | 93 | 54 | 35 |
| Manchester | 91 | 50 | 34 |
| GB | 92 | 58 | 41 |
| Inner London | 86 | 50 | 35 |
| Leeds City Region | 94 | 58 | 42 |
| Yorkshire and Humber | 91 | 57 | 41 |
| Core Cities | 92 | 55 | 39 |
| West Yorkshire | 93 | 57 | 41 |

Source: ONS – Business Demography

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The table below shows the 1-year survival rates for businesses started between 2008 and 2012

- All areas showed a decrease in survival rates for businesses started in 2012
- Leeds had the 10th highest survival rate in 2012, compared with 4th highest in 2011

| • 1-year survival rates for businesses started in: | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| Sheffield | 91.5 | 91.4 | 87.5 | 92.8 | 92.5 |
| Aberdeen | 92.5 | 90.5 | 83.1 | 94.2 | 92.2 |
| Leicester | 91.9 | 88.7 | 87.0 | 92.7 | 92.1 |
| Kirklees | 94.2 | 93.2 | 88.3 | 94.6 | 92.0 |
| Manchester | 91.2 | 88.3 | 84.4 | 91.8 | 91.0 |
| Nottingham | 91.3 | 91.2 | 86.3 | 91.4 | 90.8 |
| Birmingham | 92.4 | 86.4 | 84.8 | 91.0 | 90.3 |
| Bradford | 92.6 | 92.3 | 88.7 | 94.9 | 90.1 |
| Liverpool | 92.8 | 90.2 | 87.2 | 92.2 | 90.1 |
| Leeds | 93.0 | 91.0 | 85.3 | 93.8 | 89.6 |
| Bristol | 92.0 | 90.0 | 84.1 | 91.9 | 89.3 |
| Cardiff | 92.8 | 90.6 | 86.3 | 92.5 | 89.1 |
| Edinburgh | 89.4 | 84.5 | 82.4 | 91.2 | 89.0 |
| Glasgow | 89.6 | 87.4 | 82.1 | 92.6 | 88.9 |
| Newcastle | 90.3 | 90.2 | 86.9 | 91.6 | 86.8 |
| Leeds City Region | 93.5 | 92.3 | 87.3 | 94.2 | 91.4 |
| West Yorkshire | 93.3 | 91.6 | 87.1 | 94.1 | 91.1 |
| GB | 92.2 | 90.9 | 86.7 | 93.1 | 91.2 |
| Y & H | 90.7 | 89.6 | 85.7 | 92.1 | 90.1 |
| Core Cities | 91.8 | 89.1 | 85.1 | 92.2 | 90.0 |
| Inner London | 85.5 | 85.9 | 82.8 | 90.7 | 88.0 |
| Leeds Ranking | 2 nd | 5 th | 9 th | 4 th | 10 th |
| Source: ONS | | | | | |

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Age of Enterprise

The table below provides a snapshot of the age distribution of enterprises in the 16 major employment locations.

- Leeds has a similar age structure to Birmingham, but is 'older' than Manchester
- The structure is younger than the Leeds City Region and similar to the Core Cities as a whole.

| Age of Business in 2013 (%) | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Area | < 2 years | 2-3 years | 4-9 years | 10+ years |
| Sheffield | 16 | 13 | 27 | 44 |
| Kirklees | 16 | 13 | 27 | 44 |
| Bradford | 16 | 13 | 26 | 44 |
| Nottingham | 18 | 14 | 26 | 43 |
| Cardiff | 18 | 12 | 28 | 42 |
| Newcastle | 18 | 14 | 27 | 41 |
| Edinburgh | 19 | 14 | 27 | 40 |
| Leicester | 19 | 15 | 26 | 40 |
| Glasgow | 20 | 14 | 26 | 40 |
| Leeds | 19 | 14 | 27 | 40 |
| Liverpool | 19 | 14 | 27 | 40 |
| Birmingham | 20 | 14 | 27 | 39 |
| Bristol | 19 | 14 | 28 | 39 |
| Aberdeen | 23 | 14 | 26 | 37 |
| Manchester | 24 | 16 | 26 | 34 |
| Inner London | 24 | 16 | 27 | 33 |
| Leeds ranking: high to low | 6= | 4= | 3= | 7= |
| GB | 17 | 13 | 26 | 44 |
| Core Cities | 19 | 14 | 27 | 40 |
| Y & H | 16 | 12 | 26 | 46 |
| Leeds City Region | 16 | 13 | 27 | 44 |
| West Yorkshire | 17 | 13 | 27 | 43 |
| Source: ONS – IDBR | | | | |
| This is a from a snapshot of IDBR at 12 March 2013 | | | | |
| The above covers the 21,560 enterprises active on that date | | | | |

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Sectors

The stock of enterprises is available for 2014 from a snapshot of the ONS IDBR in March 2014. It covers the 22,600 active enterprises.

Long term time comparisons are not available because of the change in industrial classification between the current and earlier series.

| Enterprise stock by industry: 2014 (%) | | | | | |
|--|------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|------------|
| | Leeds | Leeds City Region | Yorks & Humber | Core Cities | GB |
| Agriculture, forestry & fishing | 1.8 | 5.3 | 7.9 | 1.0 | 6.3 |
| Production | 6.3 | 7.3 | 7.3 | 5.9 | 5.6 |
| Construction | 11.5 | 11.7 | 12.2 | 9.8 | 11.7 |
| Motor trades | 3.0 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 2.8 | 3.0 |
| Wholesale | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 4.6 |
| Retail | 9.4 | 10.1 | 9.8 | 10.5 | 8.4 |
| Transport and storage | 3.4 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 2.9 | 3.2 |
| Accommodation & food servs | 5.7 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 5.9 |
| Information & communications | 7.9 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 8.0 | 8.1 |
| Finance & insurance | 2.7 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 2.6 | 2.0 |
| Property | 5.1 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.8 | 3.7 |
| Professional servs | 18.5 | 15.2 | 14.0 | 18.2 | 17.8 |
| Business, admin & support | 7.1 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 6.9 | 7.0 |
| Public administration | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| Education | 1.4 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.7 |
| Health | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 5.9 | 4.3 |
| Arts, entertainment etc | 6.3 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.8 | 6.5 |
| TOTAL | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Source:ONS IDBR – Snapshot at March 2014

Size of workplaces

The table below shows the percentage of enterprises by size band.

| Enterprise stock by size band: 2014 (%) | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|------|
| Employment | Leeds | Leeds City Region | Yorks & Humber | Core Cities | GB |
| 0-9 | 86.1 | 86.9 | 86.8 | 85.2 | 88.3 |
| 10-49 | 11.0 | 10.7 | 10.9 | 11.9 | 9.6 |
| 50-249 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 1.7 |
| 250+ | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.4 |

Source:ONS IDBR - Snapshot at March 2014