



National News

- The employment rate for mothers was 74.0% in April to June 2018, which has increased from 68.9% in 2013 and from 61.9% in 1996 (when comparable records began).
- Almost three-quarters (72.5%) of families with couple parents had both parents in employment; of these families, almost half (45.5%) had both parents in full-time employment.
- Centre for Cities have published a report entitled 'The future of skills in UK cities' using data provided by EMSI. Their key findings are that analytical and interpersonal skills are becoming increasingly important in all UK cities due to the decline in routine manual occupations and a move towards high-skilled occupations.
- Demand for analytical skills in 2016 tended to be higher in cities in the Greater South East, including Cambridge, Oxford and Reading; whereas physical skills were in higher demand in cities in the North and Midlands. Demand for interpersonal skills is more evenly spread out across the country but is particularly high in cities such as Cambridge, Edinburgh, London and Oxford. Analytical and interpersonal skills are less likely to be replaced by robots/machinery and recommendations to ensure that young people acquire these skills are outlined in the report.
- There were 32.41 million people in work, 23,000 more compared with April to June 2018 and 350,000 more than for a year earlier. There were 1.38 million unemployed people (people not in work but seeking and available to work), 21,000 more than for April to June 2018 but 43,000 fewer than for a year earlier.
- ONS have published an analysis of low and high-paid jobs. Findings show that 19.3% of jobs in the UK are low-paid. London has 43.1% of high-paid jobs compared to an average of 22.5% for the UK. By region the South East has decreased its low paid jobs from 25.5% in 2000 to 15.1% in 2018. The South West has also seen a decrease from 32.8% in 2000 to 19.6% in 2018.

Employed	32,409
Aged 16 to 64	31,152
Aged 65 and over	1,257
unemployed	1,381
Aged 16 to 64	1,366
Aged 65 and over	15
Inactive	19,328
Aged 16 to 64	8,736
Aged 65 and over	10,592



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- Morrisons supermarket are offering degree apprenticeships across the UK. Applications by 7th January 2019. Degrees available are Corporate, Logistics, Manufacturing and Retail.
- The Defence Secretary has announced that women can now apply for any British military role including Special Forces units such as the SAS.
- Amazon Go - an automated convenience supermarket is coming to the UK, possibly as soon as the end of this year, with locations currently being sourced.
- The top industry in terms of numbers of businesses for South East are divided between Professional, Scientific and Technical and Construction:
 - Brighton & Hove – Professional, Scientific and Technical – 2,760 businesses
 - Hampshire - Professional, Scientific and Technical – 12,040 businesses
 - Isle of Wight – Construction – 580 businesses
 - Portsmouth – Construction – 1,085 businesses
 - Southampton – Construction – 1,080 businesses
 - Surrey - Professional, Scientific and Technical – 15,470 businesses
 - West Sussex - Professional, Scientific and Technical – 6,880 businesses

Local News

- Cafe Domenica has opened in Hove Library and is the second training cafe in Brighton specialising in providing training for young people with learning disabilities to acquire new skills.
- 160 new jobs could be created with Travelodge's plans to open eight more hotels across West Sussex. The locations mentioned are: Brighton, Bognor Regis, Burgess Hill, Chichester, Haywards Heath, Hoe and Shoreham-by-the-Sea in the county.
- Coast to Capital have contributed £8million to the newly opened Engineering and Digital Technology Park at the University of Chichester. This has created a new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) facility for Engineering and Creative and Digital Technology degree students which has the backing of over 40 industry organisation.

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