



# I'd like to work in...

## St Albans 2018/19



The District of St Albans includes the site of the Roman town of Verulamium (St Albans) and is the county's most important visitor destination. Tourism is very important in the local economy. Harpenden to the north of the district is a residential town in an important geographical position with the Thames link railway direct to London, close to the M1 and with easy access to St Albans and London-Luton Airport.

## St Albans facts and figures

**Total population** 147,100  
**Working age population (16-64)** 89,600

Source: ONS population estimates for 2017

**Employed and self-employed** 74,500  
**Unemployed** 3.2%

Source: ONS annual population survey for period Jul 2017-Jun 2018

## Qualifications

Hertfordshire has a highly qualified workforce with 59.3% of the working age population having achieved a qualification at Level 3 and above, so jobseekers are competing with other well qualified applicants.

- **86.8%** of St Albans residents are qualified to **level 2** or above (5 or more GCSEs at A\*-C or equivalent)
- **56.6%** of St Albans residents are qualified to **level 4** or above (HND, degree or equivalent)

Source: ONS annual population survey for period Jan 2017-Dec 2017

## Employee jobs by industry in St Albans (2017)

Sectors with highest number of employees		
Industry	Number	%
Administrative and support services	13,000	17.8%
Wholesale, retail trade and motor trades	11,000	15.1%
Professional, scientific and technical	11,000	15.1%

Sectors with lowest number of employees – 1,000 or less	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mining and quarrying</li><li>• Water supply, sewerage, waste management...</li><li>• Real estate activities</li><li>• Public admin and defence</li></ul>	

**Total employee jobs = 73,000**    **60.3%** of employee jobs are full-time    **39.7%** of employee jobs are part-time

Employee jobs excludes self-employed, government supported trainees and HM Forces. Source: ONS business register and employment survey

## Apprenticeships

During 2017, **291** new apprenticeship opportunities in the St Albans area were advertised by Hertsjobs16to19

Source: YC Hertfordshire – Hertsjobs16to19 Vacancy Analysis Jan-Dec 2017

## Earnings

**St Albans residents = £813.10 per week**

**St Albans employees = £604.60 per week**

Source: ONS annual survey of hours and earnings - resident analysis/workplace analysis – median full-time gross weekly wage 2018

Workers aged 25+ are entitled to the **National Living Wage**, and those 24 and under to the **National Minimum Wage**.

Hourly rates are... 25 and over =£7.83    21 to 24 = £7.38    18 to 20 = £5.90    Under 18 = £4.20

Apprenticeship rate = £3.70 for apprentices aged under 19 or age 19+ and in the first year of their apprenticeship

Source: www.gov.uk – rates are from 1 April 2018

## Employment areas

St Albans is a significant retail centre and features small specialist retailers, as well as high street multiples. The restaurant sector is expanding and contributes to a vibrant evening economy. The financial services sector is prominent within the local economy and the surrounding area is favoured by distributive industries. The main business areas are: Alban Park on the Hatfield Road and Porters Wood, Batford Mill, Coldharbour Lane, Southdown Road and Lea Industrial Estate.

In 2018 there were 9,895 local business units in St Albans;

- 88.2% of them employed fewer than 10 employees
- 20 employed more than 250

Source: Inter Departmental Business Register (ONS)

