



# I'd like to work in... Stevenage 2018/19



Although Stevenage was designated in 1947 as the first New Town to be commissioned under the New Towns Act 1946, there have been settlements in the areas of Broadwater, Shephall and Chells since Saxon times.

Source: [www.stevenage.gov.uk](http://www.stevenage.gov.uk)

## Stevenage facts and figures

**Total population** 87,700  
**Working age population (16-64)** 56,400

Source: ONS population estimates for 2017

**Employed and self-employed** 46,600  
**Unemployed** 3.5%

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.

- **78.0%** of Stevenage residents are qualified to **level 2** or above (5 or more GCSEs at A\*-C or equivalent)
- **33.3%** of Stevenage residents are qualified to **level 4** or above (HND, degree or equivalent)

Source: ONS annual population survey for period Jan 2016-Dec 2016

## Employee jobs by industry in Stevenage (2017)

Sectors with highest number of employees		
Industry	Number	%
Human health and social work	8,000	17.8%
Wholesale, retail trade and motor trades	7,000	15.6%
Professional, scientific and technical	5,000	11.1%
Manufacturing	5,000	11.4%

Sectors with lowest number of employees – 1,000 or less	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Electricity, gas, steam, air conditioning supply</li><li>• Water supply, sewerage, waste management...</li><li>• Real estate activities</li><li>• Financial and insurance</li></ul>	

**Total employee jobs = 45,000**    **68.9%** of employee jobs are full-time    **31.1%** 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, **156** new apprenticeship opportunities in the Stevenage area were advertised by Hertsjobs16to19

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

## Earnings

**Stevenage residents = £612.10 per week**

**Stevenage employees = £635.90 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](http://www.gov.uk) – rates are from 1 April 2018

## Employment areas

The main business parks and industrial estates include: Gunnels Wood Business Area, Meadway Technology Park and Pin Green Business Estate. Stevenage Enterprise Hub (Hertfordshire Business Incubation Centre), located at the Business and Technology Centre in Bessemer Drive, supports companies in the aerospace, defence, life science and ICT sectors encouraging their growth in the region. Stevenage is home to companies that employ graduate scientists and engineers including GlaxoSmithKline's largest European R&D campus.

In 2018 there were 3,705 local business units in Stevenage;

- 83.8% of them employed fewer than 10 employees

- 20 employed more than 250

Source: Inter Departmental Business Register (ONS)

