



Demographics economics

Employment

The top employment sector in Bewdley is the Wholesale and Retail Trade (including the repair of motor vehicles) which employs 16.4% of the workforce. The other major employment sectors are Education, Manufacturing and Human Health & Social Work. These sectors are also the five biggest employment sectors nationally.

Manufacturing and Education are two sectors that employ proportionately more people in Bewdley than is the case nationally. Transport & Haulage and Financial & Insurance Activities are two sectors that employ a smaller proportion of the workforce in Bewdley than is the case nationally.

Sector	Percentage
Wholesale & Retail Trade	16.4%
Education	12.7%
Manufacturing	11.8%
Human Health & Social Work	11.5%
Construction	7.3%

Working

The economic activity trends are broadly in line with national trends however a lower proportion of the population of the area are economically active than is the case nationally – 68% compared with 70% for England.

	Bewdley	Wyre Forest	England
Total Active	67.7%	68.7%	69.9%
Total Inactive	32.3%	31.3%	30.1%
Total Unemployed	3.7%	4.5%	4.5%

Employment sectors in Bewdley

Conversely the unemployment rate is lower in Bewdley than in the wider district and in England as a whole. This can be explained however by the fact that there are more people described as 'economically inactive', which includes retired people.

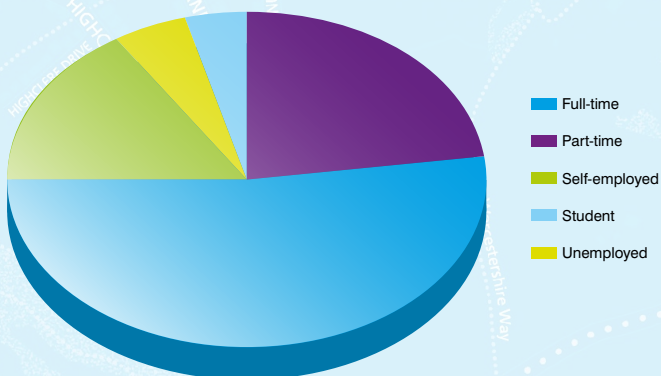
Retired people make up 22% of the working age population in Bewdley which is higher than in Wyre Forest (19%) and significantly higher than in England as a whole (14%). The number of students in Bewdley is broadly in line with the district but lower proportionately than in England. This is reflective of the fact that, while there are higher education institutions in the Wyre Forest, there are no large universities.

Unemployment is lower than the national average, including youth unemployment (aged 16-24) and long-term unemployment.

More people are self-employed and in part-time employment in Bewdley than is the case nationally however a larger proportion of the workforce work 49 hours or more despite fewer people being in full-time work overall.

	Bewdley	Wyre Forest	England
Part-Time, < 15 hrs	11.3%	9.5%	9.6%
Part-Time, 16–30 hrs	21.1%	21.0%	19.4%
Full-Time, 31–48 hrs	53.2%	56.5%	57.6%
Full-Time, 49+ hrs	14.4%	12.9%	13.3%

Hours worked



Occupations

The fact that there is a high percentage of the working population with high levels of qualifications is reflected in the fact that there are more people in Managerial, Directorial and Senior roles as well as in Professional Occupations than is the case nationally.

Occupations	Bewdley	Wyre Forest	England
1. Managers, Directors and Senior Officials	12.8%	11.5%	10.9%
2. Professional	18.7%	13.5%	17.5%
3. Associate Professional and Technical	13.2%	11.1%	12.8%
4. Administrative and Secretarial	9.8%	10.4%	11.5%
5. Skilled Trades	12.4%	14.0%	11.4%
6. Caring, Leisure and Other Service	9.5%	10.4%	9.3%
7. Sales and Customer Service	6.9%	8.4%	8.4%
8. Process, Plant and Machine Operatives	6.8%	9.2%	7.2%
9. Elementary	9.8%	11.5%	11.1%

Occupations in Bewdley

Qualifications	Bewdley	Wyre Forest	England
No Qualifications	24.2%	27.8%	22.5%
Level 1	12.5%	14.2%	13.3%
Level 2	14.7%	16.1%	15.2%
Apprenticeship	4.1%	3.8%	3.6%
Level 3	11.1%	11.4%	12.4%
Level 4 +	29.8%	22.1%	27.4%
Other Qualifications	3.6%	4.6%	5.7%

Qualifications

Vehicle ownership

Bewdley has a higher rate of car ownership than the national average. There are on average 1.42 vehicles for every household in Bewdley while the national figure stands at 1.16 vehicles per household.

The proportion of households with a single cars is in line with the district and national averages however there are far more 2 Car Households in Bewdley than is the case nationally.

Travel to work data

The table below shows Travel to Work methods for those in employment in Bewdley, Wyre Forest and England. Although the data is from 2001 (2011 statistics are not available) it is useful to see how travel to work methods in Bewdley differ from the rest of the country.

The lack of a railway station in Bewdley is clearly responsible for the fact that just 0.2% of those in work in the town travelled to work by train. Fewer also travel by bus to work compared to the wider district and nationally despite Bewdley being fairly well served by buses.

The proportion of those that drive to work is just over 50% of those in employment, which is also below the district and national averages, while more walk to work. The proportion of those that work from home is over twice the national average.

Travel to work method	Bewdley	Wyre Forest	England
Works mainly at or from home	23.1%	12.2%	9.2%
Underground, metro, light rail or tram	0.0%	0.0%	3.2%
Train	0.2%	0.4%	4.2%
Bus, minibus or coach	1.9%	2.6%	7.5%
Taxi or minicab	0.3%	0.5%	0.5%
Driving a car or van	50.8%	61.5%	55.0%
Passenger in a car or van	7.0%	7.9%	6.1%
Motorcycle, scooter or moped	0.3%	1.0%	1.1%
Bicycle	1.1%	2.6%	2.8%
On foot	15.0%	11.0%	10.0%
Other	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%

Travel to work methods