

Labour market in Oxford

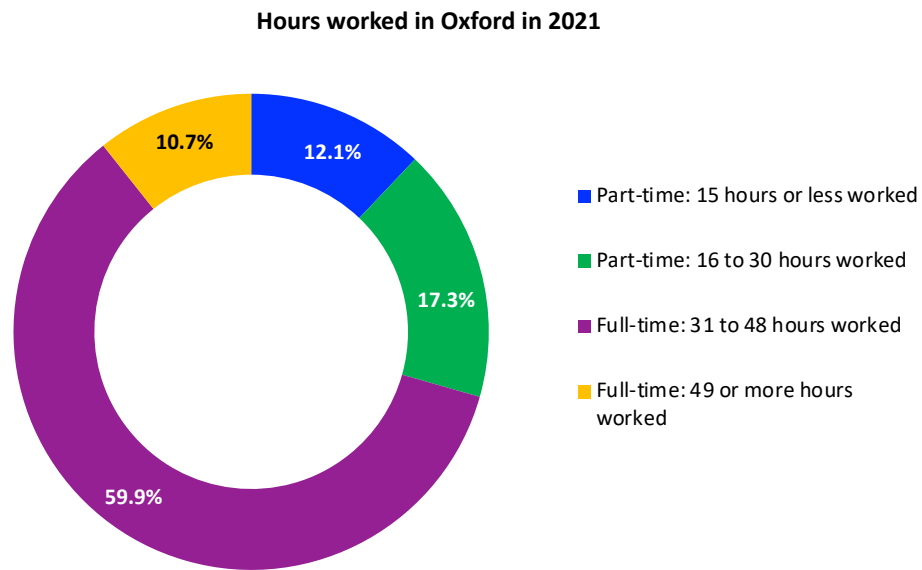
As part of the latest Census 2021 topic release on labour market and travel to work statistics, the Business Intelligence Unit (BIU) has produced a series of summary reports covering all the supporting information on this topic in detail for Oxford. This summary report covers information on the labour market, including hours worked, industry, occupation, NS-SeC, unemployment history, and economic activity status. For more information on this topic, please visit [Labour market and travel to work: Census 2021 in England and Wales](#).

Please note that this report does not include Census 2011 data as the population base was changed for Census 2021 and so direct comparisons cannot be made. In 2011, labour market datasets were of the population 'All usual residents aged 16 to 74 in employment the week before the Census'. In 2021 this was changed to 'All usual residents aged 16 years and over in employment the week before the Census'

Key findings:

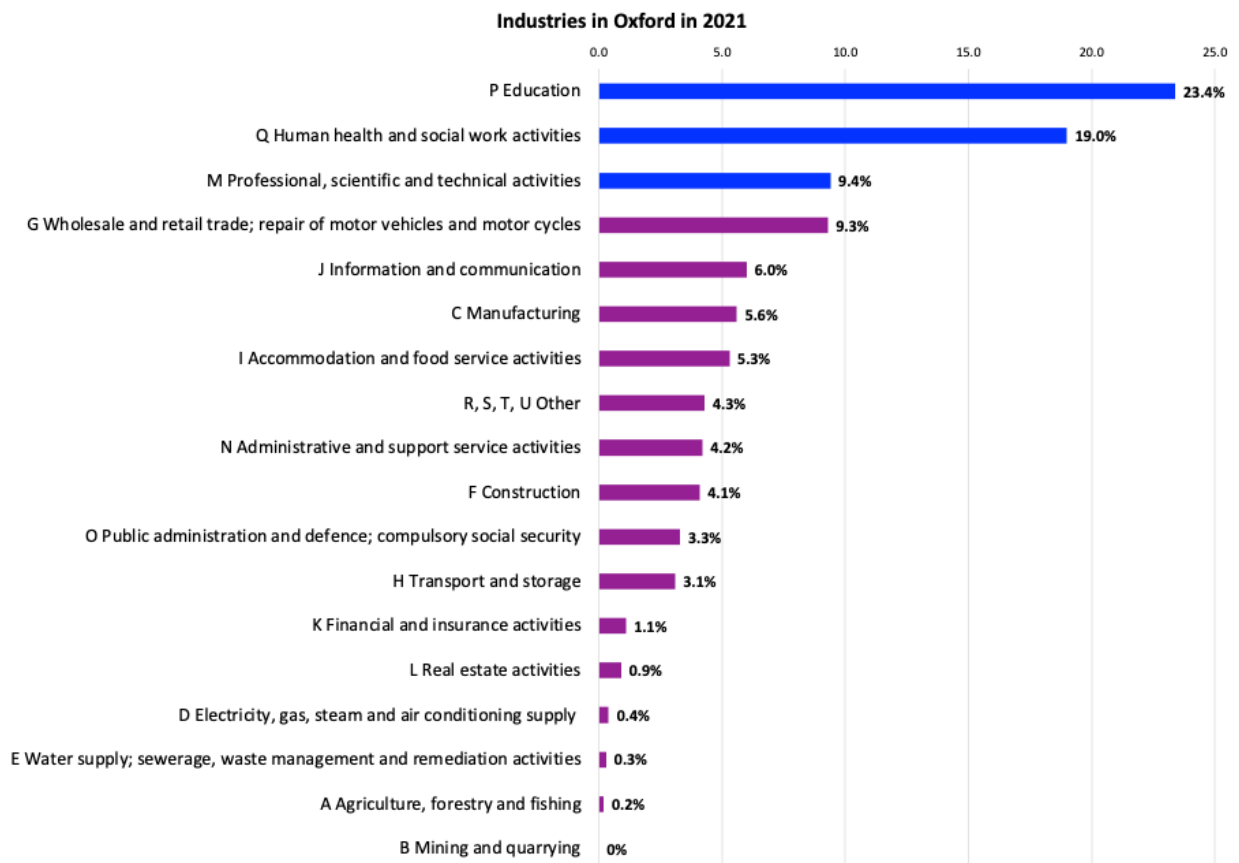
- In terms of hours worked, more than half of usual residents aged 16 years and over in employment in Oxford recorded themselves as working full-time and working between 31 and 48 hours a week (59.9%), followed by those working part-time and working between 16 and 30 hours (17.3%).
- In terms of industries, the industry with the largest proportion of working residents in Oxford was *Education* (23.4%), followed by *Human health and social work* (19.0%).
- In terms of occupation, 36.6% of residents within employment age held professional occupations, followed by those with associate professional and technical occupations at 11.8%.
- Within the main occupation categories, the largest occupations were *Teaching and other Educational Professionals* (8.1%), *Caring personal services* (4.3%), and *Sales Assistants and Retail Cashiers* (4.0%).
- In terms of socio-economic classification (NS-SeC), the largest group was *Full-time students* at 26.5%, followed by *Higher managerial, administrative and professional occupations* at 18.0%.
- For the unemployment category, there are 63,392 residents aged 16 years and over not in employment in the week before the Census. Of those not in employment, the largest category is made up by those classified as *Not worked in the last 12 months* (45.5%). This is much lower than both county (62.8%) and national (61.1%) averages.
- The percentage of those who worked in the last 12 months (26.1%) is higher than Oxfordshire and England averages at 16.8% and 13.2% respectively.
- In terms of economic activity, 53.6% of the usual residents aged 16 years and over are economically active. This is lower than both county (61.3%) and national (57.4%) averages.
- The proportion of those residents who are economically active and a full-time student (5.0%) is a lot higher than Oxfordshire and England, both at 2.3%.

Figure 1. Hours worked in Oxford in 2021.



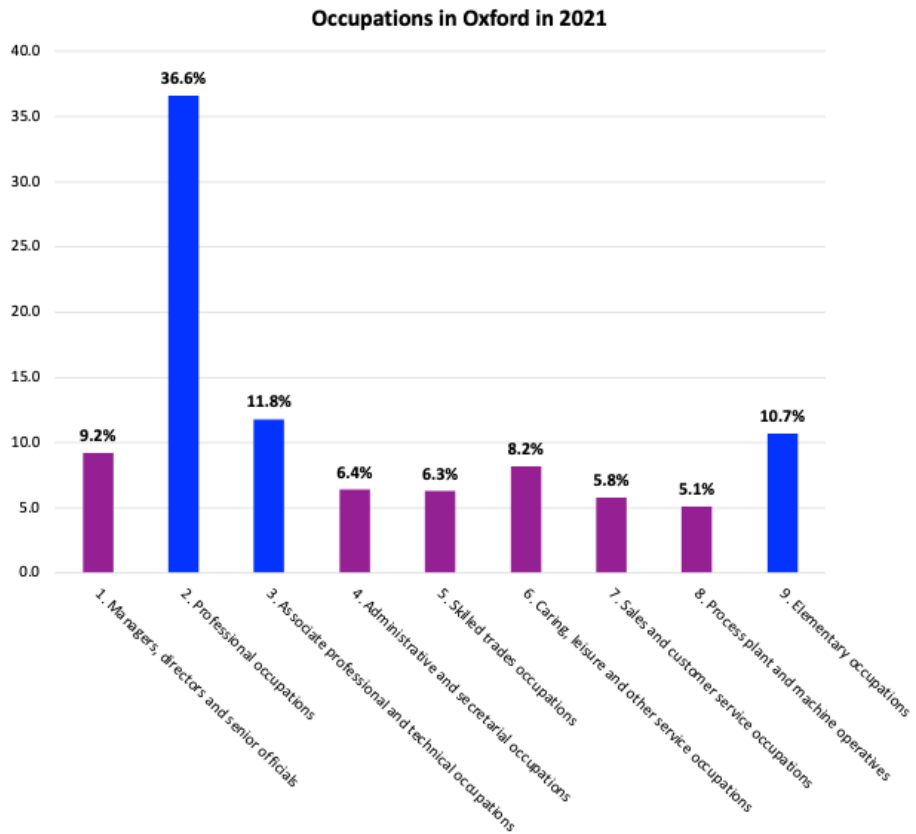
Source: Census 2021 - ONS, 2022

Figure 2. Industries in Oxford in 2021.



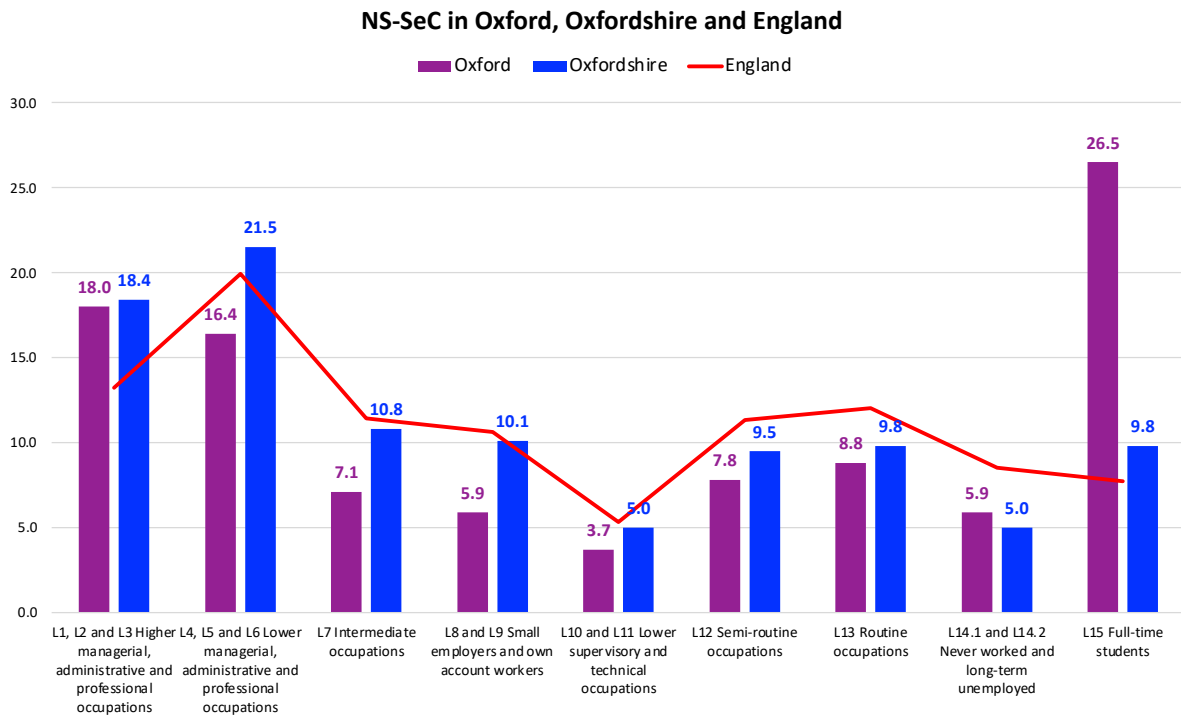
Source: Census 2021 - ONS, 2022

Figure 3. Occupations in Oxford in 2021.



Source: Census 2021 - ONS, 2022

Figure 4. Socio-economic classification in Oxford, Oxfordshire, and England in 2021.



Source: Census 2021 - ONS, 2022

Table 1. Unemployment in Oxford, Oxfordshire, and England in 2021.

Unemployment	Oxford	Oxfordshire	England
Not in employment: Worked in the last 12 months	26.1%	16.8%	13.2%
Not in employment: Not worked in the last 12 months	45.5%	62.8%	61.1%
Not in employment: Never worked	28.4%	20.4%	25.6%

Source: Census 2021 - ONS, 2022

Table 2. Economic activity in Oxford, Oxfordshire, and England in 2021.

Economic activity status	Oxford	Oxfordshire	England
Economically active (not including unemployed)	53.6%	61.3%	57.4%
Economically inactive (including unemployed)	46.4%	38.7%	42.6%

Source: Census 2021 - ONS, 2022

Sources:

[Labour market and travel to work: Census 2021, ONS, 2022](#)

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