

SECTOR FOCUS:

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Construction Sector in Greater Manchester

Construction is one of the UK's biggest industries, with over 2 million employees and self-employed individuals already at work in more than 700 different types of job.

The construction sector is comprised of two types of firm: contractors and consultants. Contractors comprise of both general and specialist building firms, e.g. house builders, building repairers, plumbers and scaffolders. Consultants include professional occupations such as architects and surveyors. Once working in the industry, there are many excellent opportunities for your career.

What jobs are available?

Typical jobs and starting annual salaries in the sector include:



BRICKLAYER
OR MASON
£24,000



PROJECT MANAGER
IN CONSTRUCTION
£34,000



QUANTITY SURVEYOR
£38,000



ARCHITECT
£37,000

Fast Facts

In Greater Manchester,
Construction is:



79,000
employees



1%
of firms have
50+ employees



9,900
construction firms



Expected to create
10,000
new jobs by 2025

In the sector:



Employment in
construction is forecast
to grow in the future.



Employment is con-
centrated in Wigan,
Manchester, Bolton,
Salford and Stockport.



What companies are based in Greater Manchester?

Leading Construction employers in Greater Manchester include:

- Ainscough Crane Hire Ltd
- Balfour Beatty Group Limited
- Herbert T. Forrest Ltd
- Nordex UK Limited
- Seddon Construction Ltd
- Styles & Wood Group Plc
- TYCO (UK) Limited
- TI Industrial Group Limited
- William Hare Ltd
- Woodford Group plc

How do I get into the sector?

You can get into Construction via a number of routes, including:

➤ COLLEGES

Most local authority websites list nearby colleges or try the National Careers Service 'Find a course' tool at: <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/course-directory/home>.

➤ UNIVERSITIES

The majority of university level courses are listed on the UCAS website. To search for relevant courses go to: www.ucas.com.

➤ TRAINING PROVIDERS

Many local training providers are listed on the Greater Manchester Apprenticeship Hub website at: <http://theapprenticeshiphub.co.uk/regional-map/> or you can search using the 'Find a course' tool listed above.

➤ APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS

For general information or to search for vacancies try the National Apprenticeships service at: <https://www.gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide>.

How do I find out more?

For more information, go to:

BCONSTRUCTIVE

➤ www.bconstructive.co.uk

GO CONSTRUCT

➤ www.goconstruct.org

CONSTRUCTION SKILLS CERTIFICATE SCHEME

➤ www.cscs.uk.com

CONSTRUCTION SKILLS-SECTOR SKILLS COUNCIL

➤ www.cskills.org

NATIONAL SKILLS ACADEMY CONSTRUCTION

➤ www.construction.nsacademy.co.uk

NATIONAL CAREERS SERVICE

➤ <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>