

SECTOR FOCUS:

Retail in Greater Manchester

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Retail is a significant and growing industry sector employing over 3 million people in the UK.

This sector is comprised of thousands of shops and stores selling everything from clothes and white goods to food and drink. It is therefore a major contributor to the UK economy as a whole and offers many job opportunities. The retail sector employs staff at different levels and progression can be achieved where suitable employability skills are in place.

What jobs are available?

Typical jobs and starting annual salaries in the sector include:



RETAIL CASHIER
£8,200



TRAVEL AGENT
£16,000



ELEMENTARY SALES
OCCUPATION
£12,000



PURCHASING OFFICER
£29,000

Fast Facts

In Greater Manchester,
Retail is:



12,500
employers



3%
of businesses have
50+ employees



Expected to create
8,000
new jobs by 2025

In the sector:



128,000
employees



Growth has been slow due
to the economic turn down,
but is expected to grow
significantly in the future.



Employment is con-
centrated in Manchester,
but Trafford, Stockport,
Bolton and Wigan also
account for a significant
share.



What companies are based in Greater Manchester?

Leading Retail employers in Greater Manchester include:

- Alpha LSG Limited
- AO Retail Ltd
- Boohoo.com UK Limited
- Entertainment Magpie Ltd
- J.D. Sports Fashion Plc
- J.D. Williams & Company Ltd
- Kitbag Ltd (footballer kit retailer)
- Missguided Ltd
- Sayers The Bakers Ltd
- Shop Direct Home Shopping Ltd

How do I get into the sector?

You can get into Retail 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: wwwucas.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:

NATIONAL CAREERS SERVICE

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

NATIONAL SKILLS ACADEMY

➤ www.nsaforretail.com