

## TOP EMPLOYERS

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust tops the employment table with 15,136 employees.

# Where are healthiest employment prospects?

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**T**HE Top 200 Companies list is an excellent way of identifying our most successful and significant businesses.

But how far does it represent the nature of our local economy and the kinds of opportunities available to local people?

The Top 200 list gives us great insights into our most significant business organisations, but as a portrait of our local economy, it has some limitations.

The list does not give us the whole picture in terms of those businesses that have a direct impact on the local economy and the lives of the local people. This is because the Top 200 list is compiled of companies with locally registered offices within Nottinghamshire. Often these firms across Nottinghamshire employ, trade and sell elsewhere in the UK and even internationally. Reported financial and employment data may not give a full depiction of what is happening locally.

Additionally, it is worth noting the significance of the public sector.

Many public sector organisations, such as NHS

organisations, universities, local authorities and other public agencies are excluded from the Top 200 list.

Public Sector institutions are often significant contributors to local economic development. Official figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) calculate that these public sector organisations account for 16.5% of all people in paid work. Nottinghamshire is no different.

Along with the indicator of our Top 200 firms, we also look at which firms generate growth in our local economy through significant employment in Nottinghamshire.

We have tried to focus on verifiable local employment.

Several large national or international employers are not included in the top employers list because of work that occurs outside of Nottinghamshire.

It should be stressed that in the absence of a single consistent source of local employment data, the top employers are identified using the best available information as well as expert local knowledge. There are likely to be errors and omissions – for these, we can only apologise.

Similarly, we have been unable to distinguish between full-time and part-time roles. We have deliberately excluded locally based employment agencies.

Looking at the Top 20 employers, we find some similarities between those firms that rank highly in the Top 200, but with noteworthy differences.

For instance, Boots UK Limited features highly in both lists. With a variety of private sector organisations from credit services firm Experian to food manufacturing and sales firm Pork Farms. A surprise entry to the line-up is the private sector organisation Eon, registered outside of the County but has significant local employment.

The list echoes findings from the ONS, with substantial appearances from public service employers.

Significant increases in employment come from the NHS, which tops the list.

Nottingham University Hospitals with 15,136 – an increase of more than 1,000 from last year – and several other NHS trusts also feature high on the list.

Police and ambulance

personnel also rank highly on the line-up.

City and county councils remain prominent employers in Nottinghamshire but they have experienced a slight fall from previous from the previous year.

Also, on the list are further education institutions, with both Universities in Nottingham making the Top 20 employers.

The University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University employ 7,705 and 4,000 respectively. Additionally, higher education institutions, Nottingham College and Vision West Notts College are also within the top 20 with 1,519 and 996, respectively.

The Top 20 employers list shows us where jobs are being created in Nottinghamshire.

The inclusion of manufacturing firm Rolls-Royce highlights the strong manufacturing history of our area. However, the dominance of service sector organisations such as the NHS, and education highlights the long-run shift that has occurred in Nottingham from manufacturing to service-oriented employment.

## TOP 24 EMPLOYERS

1. **Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust:** 15,136 employees
2. **Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust:** 8,525 employees
3. **Nottingham City Council:** 8,514 employees
4. **Nottinghamshire County Council:** 8,155 employees
5. **University of Nottingham:** 7,705 employees
6. **Boots UK Limited:** 6,000 employees
7. **Eon:** 5,000 employees
8. **Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust:** 4,895 employees
9. **Nottingham Trent University:** 4,000 employees
10. **East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust:** 3,570 employees
11. **Nottinghamshire Police:** 3,200 employees
12. **Experian:** 2,000 employees
13. **North Midlands Construction PLCL:** 1,536 employees
14. **Nottingham College:** 1,519 employees
15. **Center Parcs:** 1,500 employees
16. **Nottingham City Transport Limited:** 1,080 employees
17. **HMRC:** 1,000 employees
18. **Pork Farms (Addo Food Group):** 1,000 employees
19. **Vision West Notts:** 996 employees
20. **Rolls-Royce:** 980 employees
21. **Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service:** 905 employees
22. **Nottingham City Care:** 814 employees
23. **Ashfield District Council:** 604 employees
24. **Newark & Sherwood District Council:** 412 employees