



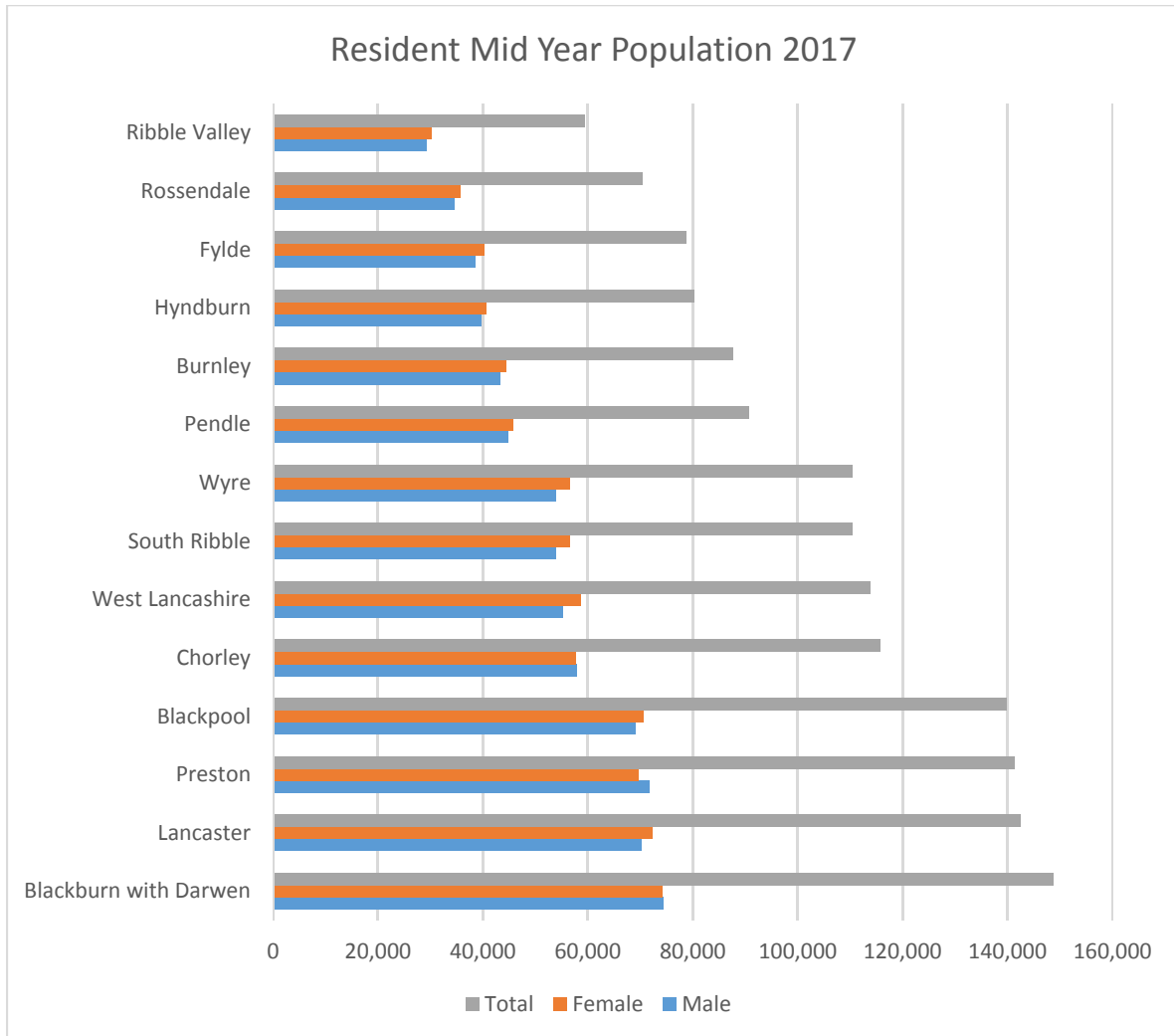
## Preston Statistics

### Population

[In mid-2017](#), according to the Office for National Statistics, Preston had an estimated population of 141,346, the third largest population in Lancashire.

Between mid-2001 and mid-2017 Preston had an increase in population of 8.4%. This growth rate was much higher than the North West region rate of 7.2% and the Lancashire overall rate of 5.2%. It was under the United Kingdom rate of 11.7%. Between 2011 and 2017 this drops to an increase of 0.9% against a UK rate of 4.4%.

By 2041 the [population of Preston is projected to decrease](#) slightly to 140,058 a percentage change of 0.68% from 2016 estimates (rounded figures).



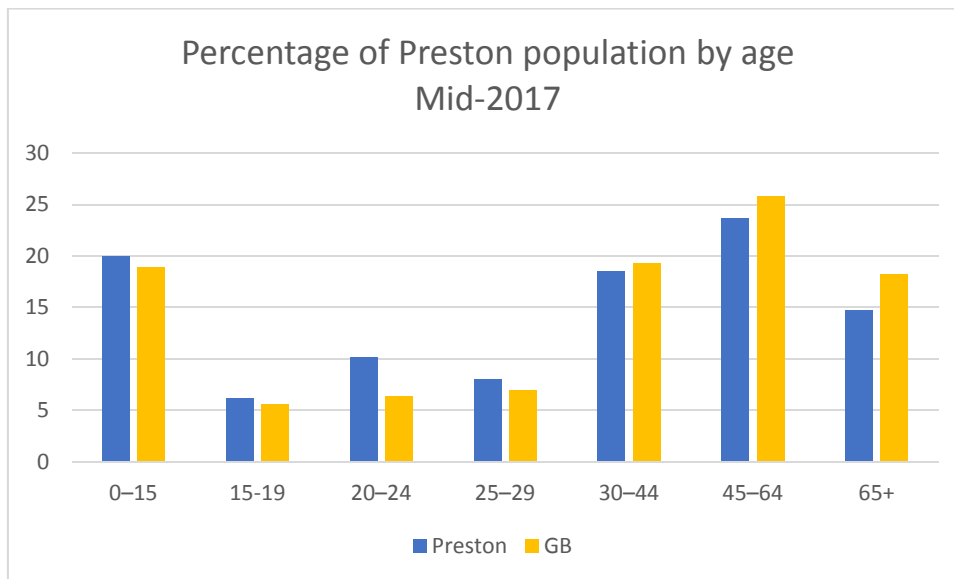
## Resident Mid-Year Population 2017

	<b>2017</b>
Preston	141,346
Lancashire (14 authorities)	1,490,497
North West	7,258,627
United Kingdom	66,040,229

## Resident Population by Age Group, Mid-2017 (%)

Preston's population is relatively young with a higher than average percentage of under 25s and fewer elderly people. Around 36% of Preston residents are aged under 25, compared with 30% nationally (GB). The presence of the large university, UCLan, in central Preston has a strong impact on the age distribution in the area. Preston also has a smaller proportion of older people (65+) – 14.7% compared with the national average of 18.2%.

In Preston the proportion of working age people in Mid-2017 was 65.4% (92,400 aged 16-64) compared with 62.5% in the North West region and 62.9% nationally.



## Employment and Skills

According to October 2017 to December 2018 figures, the employment rate for the resident population in Preston was 77.5%. This is higher than the North West region rate of 73.8% and the Great Britain rate of 75.1%.

## Qualification Levels

A large proportion of Preston's working age population is skilled with nearly a third of the working age people qualified to NVQ Level 4 and above (31%). This is a slight increase from Jan-Dec 2016. Just over half (51.6%) are qualified to NVQ3 and above, 72.7% to NVQ2 and above and 83.3% to NVQ1 and above.



Source: ONS annual population survey

Notes: Numbers and % are for those of aged 16-64  
% is a proportion of resident population of area aged 16-64

More information on NVQs can be found at: <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/lancashire-insight/education/national-vocational-qualifications.aspx>

## Local Enterprises by Employment Size Band (2018)

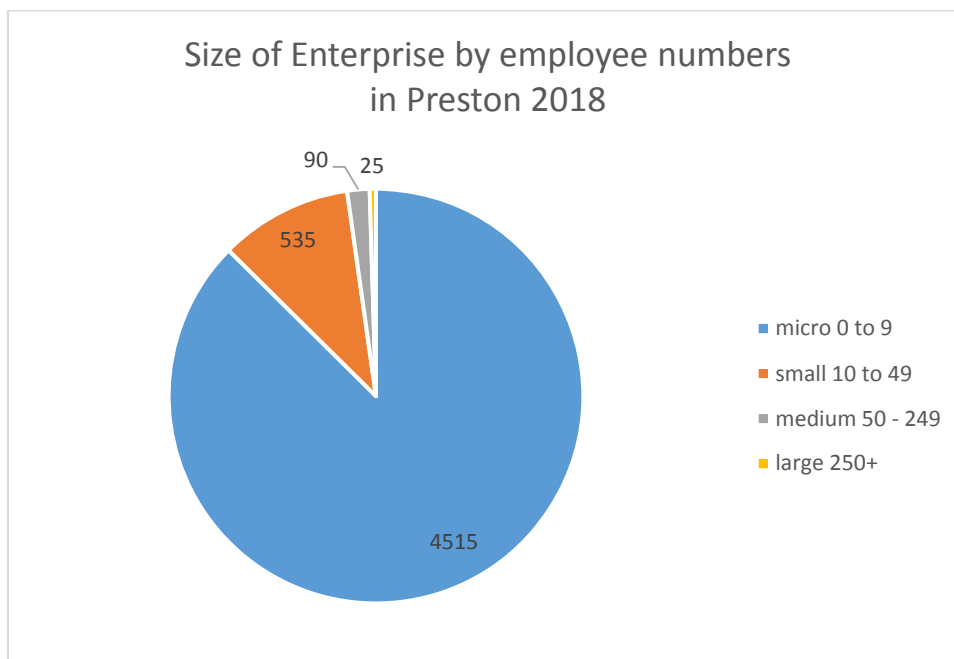
In 2018, there were 5,165 VAT/PAYE-registered enterprises in Preston, the largest number in Lancashire. This is an increase of just over 21% between 2013 and 2018, a little under the national increase of 23% but above the Lancashire (14 districts) growth rate of 17.5%.

The majority of enterprises in Preston employ under four people with just over 75% - or three quarters - of all enterprises in this employment size band. This is slightly less than the regional and national percentage.

### VAT and/or PAYE based enterprises in 2018, employee size

	Total	0-4 %	5-9 %	10-19 %	20-49 %	50-99 %	100-249 %	250+ %
<b>Preston</b>	5,165	75.2	12.2	6.8	3.6	1.2	0.6	0.5
<b>North West</b>	267,765	77.3	11.7	5.9	3.2	1.1	0.6	0.4
<b>UK</b>	2,669,440	78.2	11.2	5.7	3.0	1.0	0.6	0.4
<b>Lancashire (14)</b>	52,395	75.3	12.7	6.4	3.5	1.1	0.6	0.3

Source: Office for National Statistics: UK Business Activity, Size and Location 2018 (March)



## Local Units by Broad Industry Group 2018

Proportion of Local Units by broad industry 2018 %								
	Agriculture, forestry & fishing	Manufacturing	Construction	Motor Trades	Wholesale	Retail	Transport & Storage (inc postal)	Accommodation & Food services
<b>Preston</b>	3.1	4.5	10.1	3.7	5.2	12.3	3.7	5.9
<b>North West</b>	3.8	5.0	10.1	2.9	4.2	11.5	5.5	6.5
<b>Lancs</b>	6.4	6.3	11.5	3.7	4.5	10.7	4.4	6.3

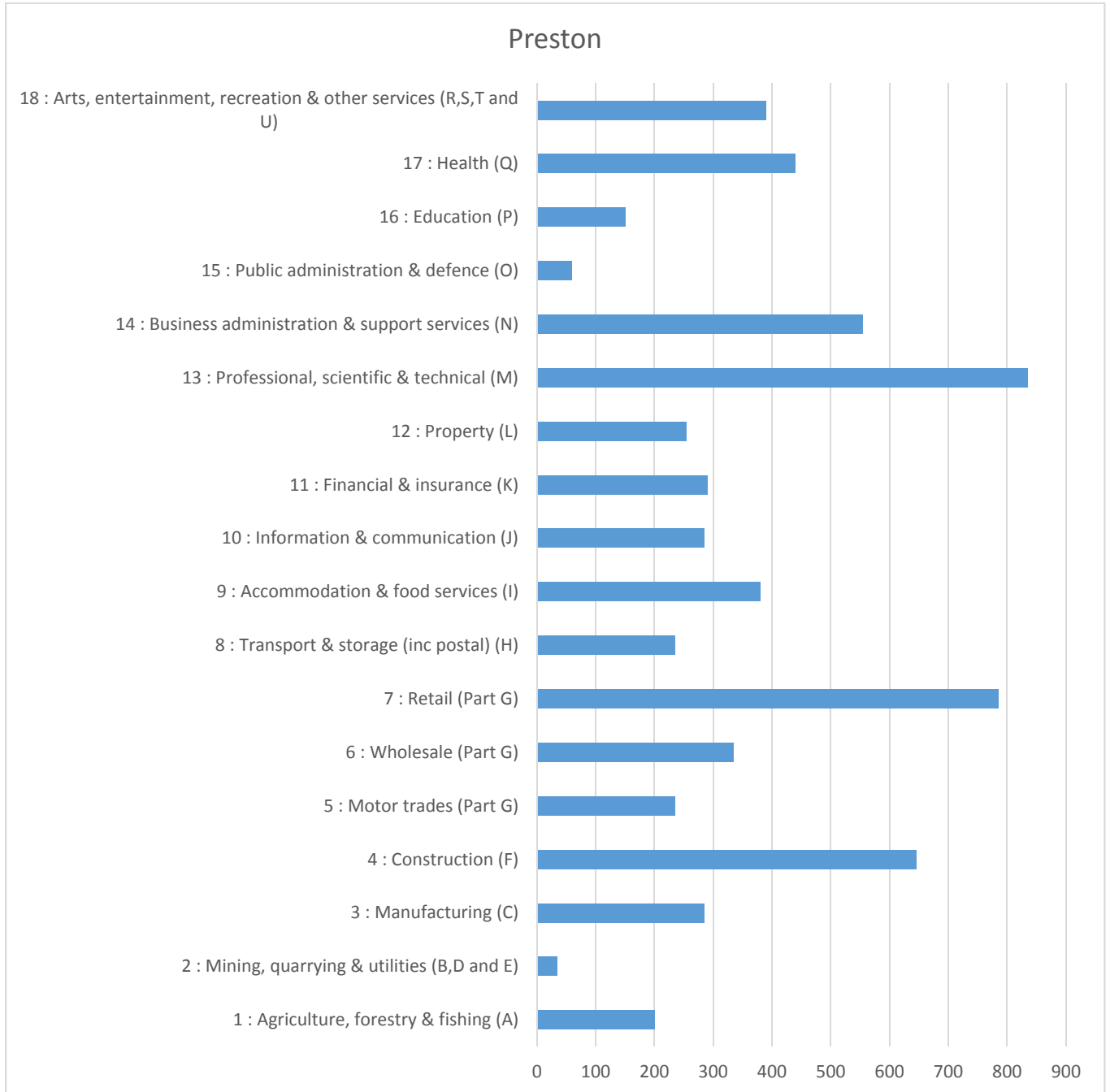
	Information & Communication	Finance & insurance	Property	Professional, scientific & technical	Business administration and support services	Public administration and defence
<b>Preston</b>	4.5	4.5	4.0	13.1	8.7	0.9
<b>North West</b>	5.2	2.9	3.4	14.4	8.8	0.7
<b>Lancs</b>	4.6	2.4	3.3	12.1	7.6	0.8

	Education	Health	Arts, Entertainment, recreation and other services	Mining and Quarrying
<b>Preston</b>	2.3	6.9	6.1	0.5
<b>North West</b>	2.4	5.9	6.2	0.6
<b>Lancs</b>	2.6	6.0	6.3	0.7

Source: ONS: UK Business Counts – Local Units 2018 (through NOMIS)

An extract compiled from the Inter Departmental Business Register (IDBR) recording the number of local units that were live at a reference date in March 2018. A **local unit** is an individual site (for example a factory or shop) associated with an enterprise. It can also be referred to as a workplace. Based on 6,395 local units in Preston

**Number of local units by broad industry group 2018  
(based on 6,395 local units) in Preston**



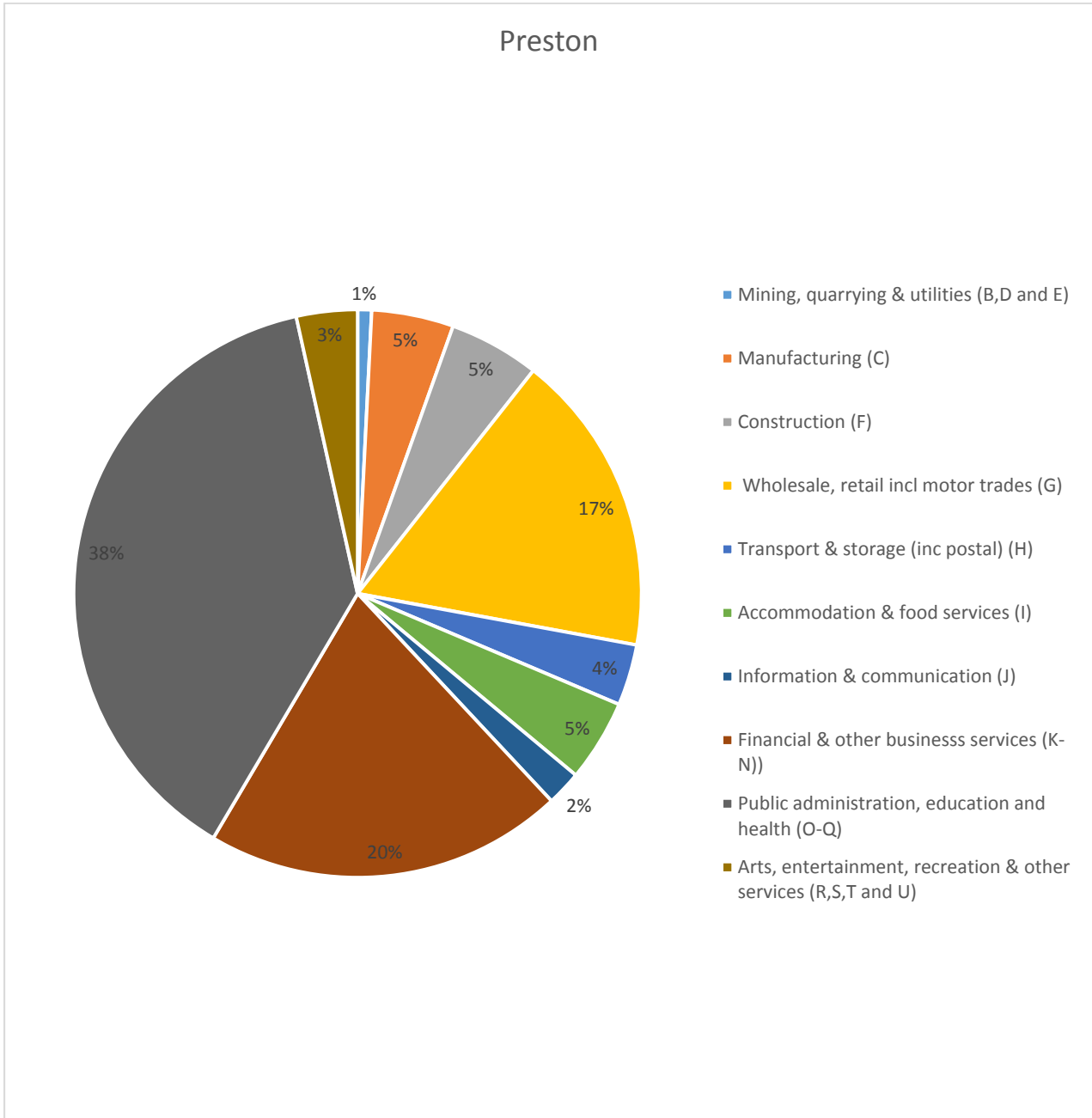
## Employment by Broad Industry Group (2017)

According to figures from the ONS Business Register and Employment Survey 2017 via NOMIS, in Preston the Public admin, education and health sector (O-Q) employed the highest proportion of persons aged 16 to 64 at almost 39%), followed by Financial and Other Business Services (K-N around 20% or 1 in 5 jobs) and Wholesale and Retail, including motor trades (G - 17%).

Preston has a higher proportion of public sector employment such as civil servants and local government employees than other districts in Lancashire.

Employee jobs (2017)				
	Preston (employee jobs)	Preston (%)	North West (%)	GB (%)
<b>Total employee jobs</b>	86,000	-	-	-
Full-time	59,000	68.6	67.4	67.5
Part-time	27,000	31.4	32.6	32.5
<b>Employee jobs by industry</b>				
B : Mining and quarrying	25	0	0	0.2
C : Manufacturing	4,000	4.7	9.9	8.2
D : Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	400	0.5	0.4	0.5
E : Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	350	0.4	0.8	0.7
F : Construction	4,500	5.2	4.8	4.8
G : Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	15,000	17.4	16.1	15.2
H : Transportation and storage	3,000	3.5	5.1	4.7
I : Accommodation and food service activities	4,000	4.7	6.6	7.5
J : Information and communication	1,750	2	3	4.4
K : Financial and insurance activities	2,250	2.6	2.8	3.5
L : Real estate activities	1,500	1.7	1.8	1.7
M : Professional, scientific and technical activities	4,000	4.7	8.2	8.4
N : Administrative and support service activities	10,000	11.6	8.6	9.1
O : Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	10,000	11.6	4.4	4.3
P : Education	8,000	9.3	8.9	8.9
Q : Human health and social work activities	15,000	17.4	14.1	13.3
R : Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,000	2.3	2.7	2.6
S : Other service activities	1,000	1.2	1.7	2

## Percentage of working age population in employment (in Preston) by sector 2017

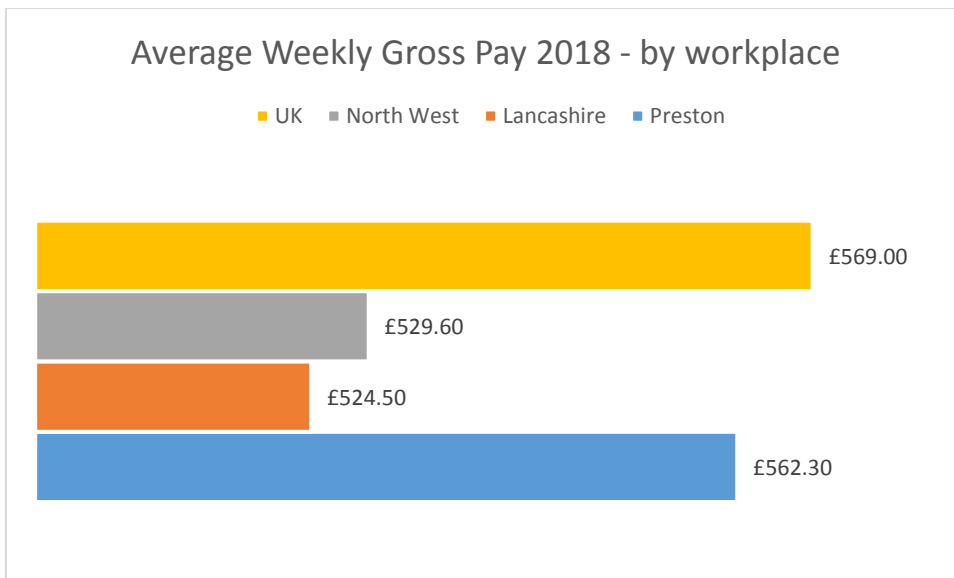
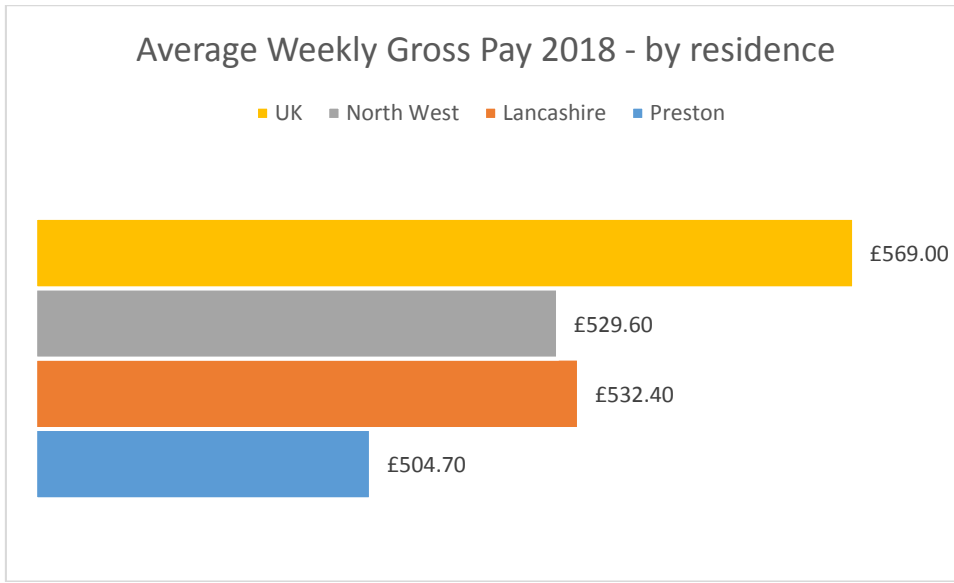


Source: Nomis, ONS Business Register and Employment Survey 2017  
Employee jobs excludes self-employed, government-supported trainees and HM forces



## Earnings

In 2018 the median (average) gross pay for **full-time\*** workers **living** in Preston was £504 per week and £562 per week for those **working** in Preston.



\*In ONS published reports, the standard practice for presenting earnings estimates is to use the figure for **full-time workers** rather than the **total workers** figure. These tend to be higher than for the total.



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## **Further information:**

Office for National Statistics [www.ons.gov.uk](http://www.ons.gov.uk)  
Centre for Cities [www.centreforcities.org](http://www.centreforcities.org)  
Lancashire Insight – Lancashire County Council  
<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/lancashire-insight.aspx>

For equalities data please visit the Preston City Council equality data map  
<http://equalityhub.preston.gov.uk/equalityhub/map.aspx>

For skills information (2018 Lancashire Labour Market Intelligence Toolkit)  
<https://www.lancashireskillshub.co.uk/about-us/evidence-base/>

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