

TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS in Shropshire

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The transport and logistics sector plays a major role in the UK and global economy.

Areas of work include supply chain management, passenger transport, traffic management, transport planning and the movement and supply of goods such as warehousing, road, rail, maritime and air transport.

Around **1.2 million** workers in ports, transport and logistics will be needed by 2022¹

There are shortages of people to work in ICT, warehouse management, customer service and LGV driving.

HS2 will also create thousands of jobs in the Midlands across a range of roles.



Future trends

This is a fast-paced sector when it comes to new technology.

GPS tracking • electronic signature scanners • advanced online operations • robotic warehouse pickers • e-retail • drone deliveries • driverless technologies

Technology could all have an impact on lower level roles in particular in the future and at the same time, more roles are becoming multi-skilled - there will be opportunities for those with digital and management skills.

Skills and qualities

Some employers report that they struggle to find candidates with the right personal and people skills. In transport and logistics, employers are particularly looking for:

Problem solving
Communication
Team working
Customer service
Maths
Attention to detail
ICT
Planning and organisation
Leadership
Reliability
Business knowledge
Initiative
Innovation
Negotiation skills

What could you earn?

These are the average salaries you might expect to earn in transport and logistics*

Fork lift truck driver **£21,150**
Postal worker **£24,670**
Large goods vehicle driver **£27,950**
Importer/exporter **£29,500#**
Storage and warehouse manager **£30,150**
Distribution manager **£37,450**
Ship's officer **£38,400#**
Aircraft pilot **£86,850#**

*Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings median salary rounded to nearest £50

¹ Gov.UK



The local picture

Across Shropshire and the surrounding areas most people who work in this sector are involved in warehousing, storage and transport by road.

A new military logistics complex near Telford (MoD Donnington) which provides supplies for servicemen and women officers based at home and abroad is expected to create new jobs within the supply chain in the local area.

How many people are employed in transport and storage in Shropshire?²

Approximately 9,000 people are employed in this sector. That's around 8% of all jobs and higher than the UK average.

Large and valued companies in the area include:



Royal Mail • Culina Group • RAF • Grocontinental • Wincanton • Dairy Crest • Cold Move • Kuehne + Nagel

Jobs in demand:

project leaders | mechanical engineers | tunnellers | HGV drivers | electricians | steel fixers | signallers | air freight operators | warehouse operatives | airline pilots | telecommunications engineers | air traffic controllers | warehouse managers

Routes in



There are roles at all levels including apprenticeship programmes and opportunities for graduates such as management roles. The industry's skills shortages will partly be met through the creation of 30,000 new road and rail apprenticeships by 2020³. National examples include Highways England and HS2 which are currently looking to train new apprentices and graduates to work on large infrastructure projects across the UK including the West Midlands  For jobs such as LGV driver, there are usually minimum age requirements but there are several routes to obtaining a licence for this shortage area including an apprenticeship, trainee role with a company or through a private training provider.

Finding out more



www.ciltuk.org.uk/Careers/CareersInformation

<https://recruitment.highways.gov.uk>

<http://careers.hs2.org.uk>

www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment

www.careersatsea.org

² Business Register of Employment Survey 2015 rounded figures

³ Gov.UK

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Estimate from mean salary