

Employment & Economy

UK Business counts 2017

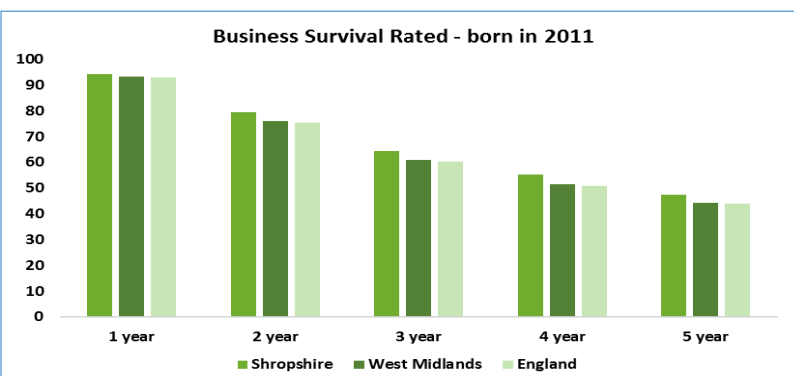
Enterprises	Shropshire	Shropshire (%)	West Midlands	West Midlands (%)
Micro (0 to 9)	14,150	90.4%	190,105	89.1%
Small (10 to 49)	1,255	8.2%	19,215	9.0%
Medium (50 to 249)	190	1.2%	3,300	1.5%
Large (250+)	35	0.2%	835	0.4%
Total	15,650	100.0%	213,455	100.0%

Businesses in Shropshire usually employ fewer people than the average for West Midlands or England.

Source: ONS UK Business: Activity, size and location: 2015 © Crown Copyright 2016

Registered Business Sectors	Shropshire	England	West Mid
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	21.3%	4.3%	5.8%
Mining, quarrying & utilities	0.4%	0.5%	0.5%
Manufacturing	5.2%	5.0%	6.9%
Construction	10.7%	12.0%	11.3%
Motor trades	3.2%	2.8%	3.5%
Wholesales	4.3%	4.0%	4.6%
Retail	6.2%	7.3%	7.7%
Transport & storage	2.9%	4.2%	6.5%
Accommodation & food services	6.0%	5.4%	5.3%
Information & communication	4.1%	8.6%	6.0%
Financial & insurance	1.2%	2.1%	1.5%
Property	3.3%	3.6%	3.3%
Professional, scientific & technical	13.2%	18.5%	15.4%
Business administration & support services	6.6%	8.9%	8.9%
Public administration & defence	0.7%	0.3%	0.3%
Education	1.5%	1.9%	1.9%
Health	3.7%	4.6%	4.9%
Arts, entertainment, recreation & other services	5.5%	6.3%	5.7%

As a rural area Shropshire has a high percentage of its businesses within the agricultural sector. The percentage of businesses within the professional, financial and information sectors is below regional and national averages. Although there are comparatively few operators in health, education, manufacturing and retail, these types of businesses are often much larger than average, and together, they account for around half of all employment in Shropshire.

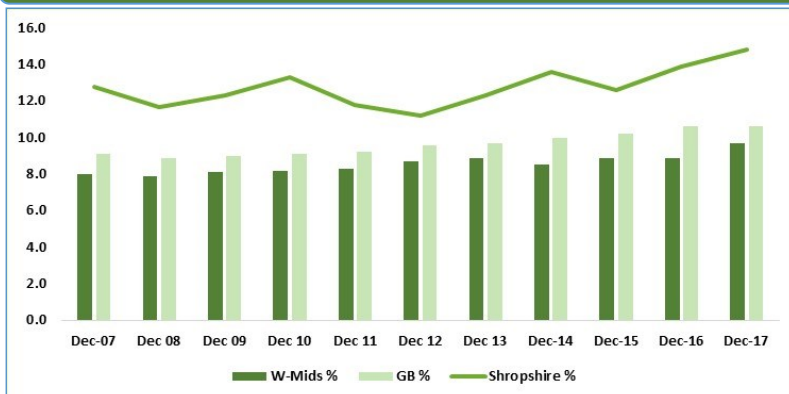


Businesses starting up in Shropshire are more likely to continue trading after 5 years than those started in the West Midlands or England in 2011.

Source: ONS Business births, deaths and survival

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Self Employment



Self employment rates in Shropshire are higher than the regional and national average. There are higher rates of self employment in the south of the county.

Source: ONS annual population survey © Crown Copyright 2018

Employment rates for those aged 16 -64 in Shropshire is above average. However, the ratio of part-time employment is higher.

Percentage of People in Employment

Apr 17 - Mar 18	Shropshire	West Midlands	Great Britain
In Employment	77.7%	72.7%	75.0%

Source: ONS annual population survey © Crown Copyright 2018

Split of Full Time and Part Time Employment

2016	Shropshire	West Midlands	Great Britain
Full time	63.00%	67.80%	67.80%
Part time	37.00%	32.20%	32.20%

Source: ONS business register and employment survey

Claimant rates for Shropshire are below average. As at June 2016 the rate was 1%, based on the number of claimants as a proportion of the resident population of

Claimant Count



Workplace Pay 2017



Residence Pay 2017



Source: ONS annual survey of hours and earnings ©

Gross weekly full time pay rates by workplace in Shropshire are lower than average. This may reflect the reliance on businesses in lower paid sectors; agriculture and leisure. There are below average numbers of businesses in the higher paid sectors of professional and communications.

Pay rates for residents in Shropshire are similar to regional rates and may indicate that a proportion of residents are commuting to areas with higher rates of pay.