

Some Key Information and Figures

Geography

Hertfordshire shares boundaries with Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex and Greater London. It covers an area of 634 sq miles.

Population

Hertfordshire has an estimated population of just over one million. 87% of residents live in 45, 3,000 people+ settlements. There is one city (St Albans) and a variety of market towns, industrial towns, new towns, commuter villages and rural villages. There are approximately 265,000 people aged 0-19 living in Hertfordshire. 49.2% are female, 50.8% are male. There are ten Districts/Boroughs, the four southernmost of Broxbourne, Hertsmere, Watford and Three Rivers, also Stevenage towards the north, are the most urban. East and North Hertfordshire are large rural, fairly sparsely populated areas.

Transport links

The county has diverse road, rail and air transport links: Three motorways run through the county (M1, A1M and M25). Plus, there is a comprehensive network of A roads. Eastern parts of Hertfordshire also have easy access to the M11.

There are several fast rail links with London and one to Cambridge. London Thameslink provides access into London and onto the Underground system.

Luton and Stansted International airports are close by and Heathrow and Gatwick are within easy reach.

Good transport links are important for industries as they allow raw materials, including fuel, to be delivered efficiently and finished goods to be transported for the internal market or for export. They are also essential to allow people to get to and from work or to appointments.

Industries

Top Ten Industries in Hertfordshire ranked by forecast increases in employment 2003-2009.

	Additional number of jobs forecast
Computing Services	8,300
Other Business Services (recruitment & personnel, car & machine rental, security services, industrial cleaning)	5,400
Professional Services (accountants, lawyers, management/engineering /marketing/advertising consultants)	4,500
Hotels & Catering	2,500
Education	2,400
Health & Social Care	2,000
Miscellaneous Services	2,000
Retailing	1,900
Communications	1,600
Distribution	1,600

Source: Herts Local Economic Assessment 2004

Earnings & Hours

Many jobs will demand minimum entry qualifications. Those earning high salaries are usually well qualified and experienced and will continue to learn throughout their working life.

Earnings & hours worked in 2005 (all full-time workers)

Region	Earnings (gross*, average, weekly, full-time)	Hours worked (average, weekly, full-time)
Hertfordshire	£578	39.1
London	£697	38.8
South East	£539	39.3
UK	£516	39.4

Female/male earnings and hours in 2005

Region	Females		Males	
	Earnings	Hours	Earnings	Hours
Hertfordshire	£469	37.8	£640	40.2
London	£566	37.3	£786	39.7
South East	£447	37.5	£596	40.5
UK	£436	37.4	£568	40.6

Source: Annual Survey of Hours & Earnings 2005. © Crown Copyright. Salary rates have been calculated using the average, gross, weekly pay (before deductions) for full-time workers in the UK.

Hertfordshire district profiles

	Total population	Working age population (1)	Total employee jobs (2)	Job density (3)	Earnings (4)	Hours worked (5)	Qualified to Level 2 (6)
Broxbourne	86,400	52,900	33,500	0.63	£575	36.0	30,400
Dacorum	138,500	85,400	63,500	0.74	£628	37.5	62,100
East Herts.	131,800	82,400	56,500	0.69	£772	36.8	60,200
Hertsmere	93,900	56,900	43,600	0.77	£619	37.0	39,700
North Herts.	120,700	73,700	51,800	0.70	£606	37.0	50,500
St. Albans	133,500	82,700	61,600	0.74	£773	35.5	66,200
Stevenage	79,000	49,100	46,800	0.95	£511	37.0	31,700
Three Rivers	84,600	51,200	32,100	0.63	£682	37.4	32,600
Watford	79,300	51,200	50,400	0.98	£589	37.0	33,900
Welwyn Hatfield	100,500	61,800	64,500	1.04	£608	37.0	36,100

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1. Males 16-64, females 16-59.

3. Ratio of jobs to working age population.

5. Median, weekly, full-time.

2. Includes full & part-time jobs. Excludes self-employed, Govt. supported trainees and HM Forces.

4. Gross, average, weekly, full-time. Source: Annual Survey of Hours & Earnings 2005, © Crown Copyright.

6. Level 2 = 5 or more GCSEs grades A-C or equivalent.

Employment in Hertfordshire districts by occupation

	Managers & Senior Officials	Professional Occupations	Associate & Technical	Administrative & Secretarial	Skilled Trades	Personal Service Occupations	Sales & Customer Service	Process Plant & Machine Operatives	Elementary Occupations
Broxbourne	7,200	#	5,700	5,200	6,100	5,500	4,500	#	#
Dacorum	19,200	10,900	8,800	9,500	7,900	4,700	6,000	4,200	4,700
East Herts	16,000	11,100	9,600	9,300	6,400	3,400	4,400	3,500	6,900
Hertsmere	10,300	8,000	8,900	5,100	4,000	4,700	#	#	#
North Herts	6,900	12,100	9,600	7,400	7,800	3,100	4,800	3,600	5,700
St. Albans	15,600	18,300	11,000	6,900	3,700	4,000	2,800	2,800	3,700
Stevenage	6,000	4,200	6,400	7,200	3,700	3,700	3,400	2,900	4,800
Three Rivers	9,300	6,100	4,600	4,700	3,400	3,000	2,900	#	2,800
Watford	9,100	6,700	9,600	5,300	3,700	#	#	#	4,100
Welwyn Hatfield	7,700	8,100	9,600	5,800	4,700	#	3,700	#	3,200

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It is important to find out the level of qualification you will need for any of these occupational levels. Many jobs will demand minimum entry qualifications. Those earning high salaries are usually well qualified and experienced and will continue to learn throughout their working life. Use these resources for ideas and information.

E-Clips (information about careers and lifestyle issues) – www.connexions-hertfordshire.co.uk

Working in Booklets – case studies of people in a variety of jobs. Try your Connexions area, or download them from www.connexions-direct.com. Go to careers>career resources>download publications>Working In.

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