

You can go through an apprenticeship route. There is a regional focus on apprenticeships in Digital Technology, Software Development, Advanced Manufacturing, Health and Care, Professional Services and Creative Industries

There are lots of universities in Manchester, too. You could go through a degree route at the University of Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan University and the University of Salford.

Local Further Education Opportunities to lead to employment could be: Connell Co-op College Manchester College, Tameside College and Oldham College.



GREATER MANCHESTER JOBS

Digital, Creative and Media

Digital skills are needed in almost all jobs. The digital, creative and media sector is very resilient. It includes industries like TV, advertising, telecoms, computer games and programming. This sector is thriving in Greater Manchester, with major businesses working in cyber security, e-commerce (online shopping) and media.

Example careers

Graphic designer, digital marketer, animator, cyber intelligence officer, software developer, CAD technician, website developer

Manufacturing & technology

Manufacturing is all about making things – from biscuits and textiles to electronics and high-tech machinery. It also includes researching and developing new products, as well as running services such as purchasing.

Example careers

Mechanical engineers, tool makers, plant operatives, electrical engineers, packers

NHS, medical research & social care

Jobs in this sector are all about looking after people. There are hundreds of different types of jobs in health and social care. Some of these may be involved in researching new vaccines, treating medical conditions, or supporting people with day-to-day living needs caused by disabilities, illnesses or difficult life situations.

Example careers

Anatomical pathology technician, social worker, doctor (GP), district nurse, surgeon, support worker

WHAT ARE THE MAIN JOB SECTORS?

Green Industries

Green industries is a huge growth sector, with lots of job opportunities. The vision for Greater Manchester to be 'carbon neutral by 2038' means this is only going to increase over the coming years.

The jobs in this sector are extremely varied. They focus on things like improving the energy efficiency of homes, low carbon transport, creating clean energy locally, increasing biodiversity and protecting nature. In time, all jobs will move towards being 'green jobs'. Key employers in this sector are construction companies, universities or research companies and electricity and water utility companies.

Example careers

Electrical engineer, smart meter installer, project manager, architect, roofer

Business, finance & professional services

This is a very wide-ranging sector. It covers a huge variety of jobs which support businesses to run and grow. It includes things like banking, legal and HR. It also covers services that help companies become more efficient and reduce costs. The sector is quickly becoming more digital, especially in financial technology (FinTech).

Example careers

Accountant, solicitor, sales representative, recruitment consultant, financial advisor, HR manager, investment consultant, business development manager

Logistics & e-commerce

The logistics industry gets products from one place to another safely and on time. It's extremely important when you buy things online and includes tracking, warehousing and delivery.

E-commerce (buying things online) has become more important during the COVID-19 pandemic. Most businesses have created ways to make money online by launching new subscriptions or home delivery services. Joining the logistics and e-commerce sector means helping to keep all these online businesses flow smoothly.

Example careers

Logistics supervisor, supply chain manager, flows manager, sales assistant, franchise owner, marketing executive, visual merchandiser, buyer, distribution manager

WHO ARE THE MAIN EMPLOYERS IN OUR LOCAL AREA?

- Manchester Airport Group – Aviation (Manchester)
- Bruntwood – Property and workspace (Manchester)
- AO.com – E-commerce (Bolton)
- NHS Greater Manchester – Health (region-wide)
- Co-operative Group – Retail (Manchester HQ)
- BAE Systems – Aerospace (Samlesbury supply chain)
- Amazon – Logistics (Manchester, Bolton)
- University of Manchester – Education
- Kellogg's – Manufacturing (Trafford Park)
- MediaCityUK – Broadcasting and creative industries

Greater Manchester Statistics:

Employment rate - 71.4%

Annual average earning - £38,500