

This briefing note presents the 2012 Business Activity, Size and Location dataset derived from the Inter Departmental Business Register (IDBR) which was published by the Office for National Statistics on 3 October.

It is regarded as the most comprehensive source of data on businesses in the UK as it includes all businesses and employers registered for VAT and/or PAYE – 98% of all businesses active in the economy. The data is provided for 'local units', which refer to separate workplaces within an area, and is a snapshot of the IDBR taken in March 2012.

Number of businesses (local units)

- There are 15,285 businesses registered for VAT/PAYE within the Bradford District. This represents 14.5% of the Leeds City Region total.

Size

- Bradford has a higher proportion of medium and large businesses than the region and national averages.
- 535, or 3.5% of businesses in Bradford, are medium (50-250 employees), compared to the UK average of 2.9%.
- 100, or 0.7% of businesses in Bradford are classed as large (250+ employees) which is again a higher proportion than both UK and regional averages.
- Small businesses (employing more than 10 but below 50) account for 14.5% of businesses, but the majority of businesses in Bradford district (81.3%) are micro businesses – employing fewer than 10 people.

Businesses (local Units) by size band 2012				
No of employees	Bradford		Yorkshire & Humber (%)	United Kingdom (%)
	Number	%		
0 - 9	12,430	81.3	80.9	82.9
10 - 49	2,220	14.5	15.3	13.8
50 - 99	345	2.3	2.2	1.9
100 - 249	190	1.2	1.1	1.0
250+	100	0.7	0.5	0.4

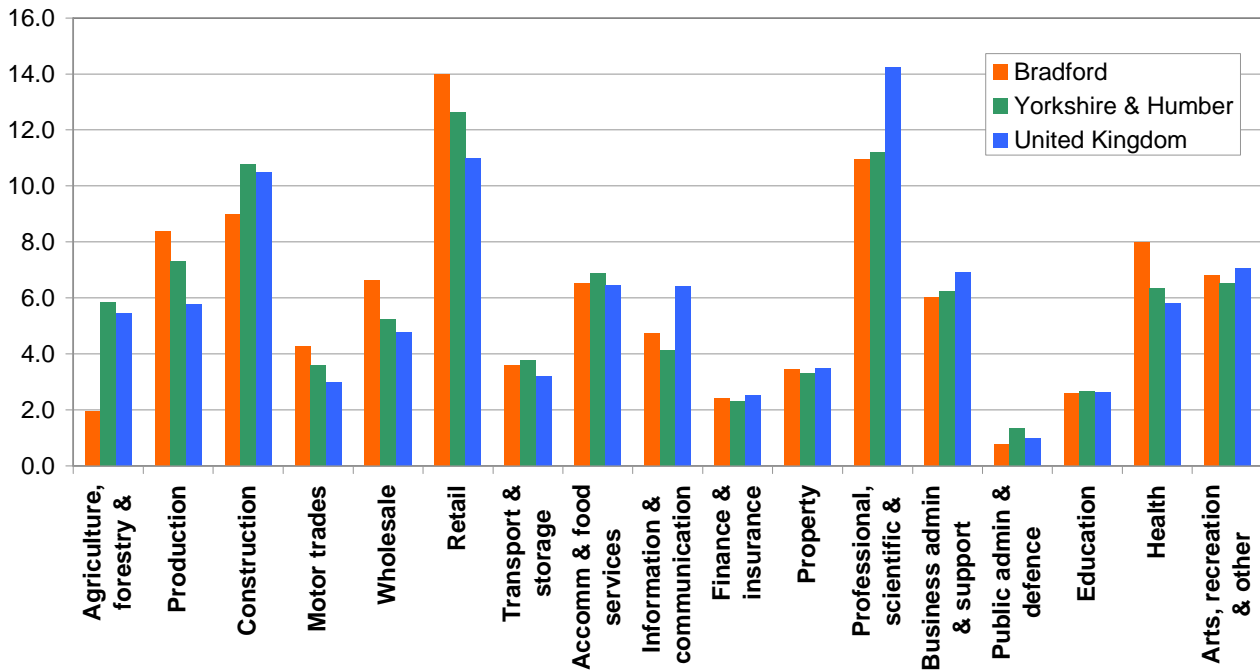
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Industry sector

- The largest industry sector in Bradford in terms of the number of business units is Retail, representing 14% of the total. Retail is over-represented in Bradford compared to the regional and national averages.
- Production, which includes manufacturing, utilities and mining & quarrying, is also over-represented in Bradford, accounting for 8.4% of the business stock compared to the UK figure of 5.8%.
- Another significant sector is Health which makes up 8% of the business units in Bradford. This compared to only 5.8% across the UK.

% of business units by industry sector 2012

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Industry Sector (SIC 2007)	Bradford		Yorkshire & Humber (%)	United Kingdom (%)
	Number	%		
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	295	1.9	5.9	5.4
Production	1,280	8.4	7.3	5.8
Construction	1,375	9.0	10.8	10.5
Motor trades	650	4.3	3.6	3.0
Wholesale	1,010	6.6	5.2	4.8
Retail	2,140	14.0	12.6	11.0
Transport & storage	550	3.6	3.8	3.2
Accommodation & food services	995	6.5	6.9	6.4
Information & communication	725	4.7	4.1	6.4
Finance & insurance	370	2.4	2.3	2.5
Property	530	3.5	3.3	3.5
Professional, scientific & technical	1,675	11.0	11.2	14.2
Business administration & support services	920	6.0	6.2	6.9
Public administration & defence	115	0.8	1.3	1.0
Education	395	2.6	2.7	2.6
Health	1,220	8.0	6.3	5.8
Arts, entertainment, recreation & other services	1,040	6.8	6.5	7.1

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Trends

- Between 2011 and 2012 there was an increase of 370 businesses in Bradford.
- This represents a 2.5% growth in the number of businesses, matching the national level of business growth (+2.5%) and above the Yorkshire & Humber regional average (+1.5%).
- This recent growth follows a period of decline in the number of businesses between 2008 and 2011. During this period the number of businesses in Bradford fell by 5.9%, and this was higher than the average decline seen regional and nationally.

- Despite the improvement over the last year, business numbers in Bradford have not yet reached pre-recession levels. The number of businesses in Bradford is 96% of its 2008 total. Nationally, business stock is around 99% of the 2008 total.
- Within the Leeds City Region only York and Selby have a higher number of businesses in 2012 than in 2008, and Harrogate and Kirklees are close to their 2008 totals.

Number of Businesses (Local Units) registered for VAT/PAYE									
Area	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Change 2008-2011		Change 2011-2012	
						Number	%	Number	%
York	7,830	7,765	7,980	7,870	8,015	40	0.5	145	1.8
Craven	3,770	3,730	3,690	3,660	3,640	-110	-2.9	-20	-0.5
Harrogate	9,280	9,170	9,180	9,155	9,275	-125	-1.3	120	1.3
Selby	3,615	3,640	3,640	3,590	3,660	-25	-0.7	70	1.9
Barnsley	6,560	6,445	6,260	6,175	6,315	-385	-5.9	140	2.3
Bradford	15,855	15,720	15,180	14,915	15,285	-940	-5.9	370	2.5
Calderdale	8,410	8,045	7,850	7,850	7,975	-560	-6.7	125	1.6
Kirklees	14,190	14,210	13,970	13,860	14,205	-330	-2.3	345	2.5
Leeds	28,040	27,615	26,775	26,725	27,405	-1,315	-4.7	680	2.5
Wakefield	10,390	10,185	9,965	9,750	9,965	-640	-6.2	215	2.2
Leeds City Region	107,940	106,525	104,490	103,550	105,740	-4,390	-4.1	2,190	2.1
Yorkshire & Humber	193,765	191,875	187,810	184,470	187,260	-9,295	-4.8	2,790	1.5
United Kingdom	2,643,220	2,634,790	2,574,230	2,547,840	2,610,535	-95,380	-3.6	62,695	2.5

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Data sources:

Data can be downloaded from Office for National Statistics Website:
<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/bus-register/uk-business/2012/stb-uk-business--activity--size-and-location---2012.html>

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