

Title: Who are the top 20 employers in Nottinghamshire?

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The Top 200 Companies list is a great way of identifying our most successful and significant businesses, but how far does it represent the nature of our local economy and the kinds of opportunities available to local people?

The Top 200 list does give us great insight into our most significant business organisations, but as a portrait of our local economy it has some limitations. Companies with local registered offices naturally report financial performance and employment levels relating to activity that happens outside Nottinghamshire – whether this be international or elsewhere in the UK. It is often very hard to identify from published annual reports and accounts what activity is happening locally.

Similarly, that part of our economy that is considered part of the public sector, such as NHS organisations, universities, local authorities and other public agencies is excluded. This matters because these organisations are often significant economic entities in their own right with extensive local supply chains. They are often among the largest employers in many localities. These types of organisations are often thought of as ‘anchor institutions’ that underpin local employment and support economic development through a wide range of activities including their investment in the fabric of our towns and cities. Nationally the Office for National Statistics calculate that of all people in paid work, 16.5% are employed in the public sector. Nottinghamshire is no different.

So, if we now ask, who are the largest 20 employers in Nottinghamshire, what do we find? There is some similarity with the companies at the apex of the Top 200 list, but also some notable additions and differences. For the purposes of this list, we have tried to focus on verifiable local employment. Hence a number of large national chains or international employers found in the Top 200 list are no longer present – or the scale of their employment has been reduced by excluding employment located outside of Nottinghamshire. It should be stressed that in the absence of a single consistent source of local employment data, these are estimates based on the best available information tempered with a dose of local knowledge – there are likely to be errors and omissions – for these we can only apologise. Similarly we have been unable to distinguish between full-time and part-time roles. Locally based employment agencies are also excluded.

The NHS tops the list in the shape of the University Hospitals NHS Trust with 13,600 employees and a number of other NHS trusts also feature high on the list. City and County Councils are both prominent, as are Nottingham’s two large universities: the University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University with around 5,000 and 3,300 local employees respectively. Further education is also represented in the shape of Nottingham College and Vision West Notts College. In the private sector Eon is a significant addition to our list – absent from the Top 200 as they do not have a registered office in the County – but close to Boots in scale as a major local employer. Rolls Royce is also a notable inclusion and reminder of the region’s strong manufacturing heritage.

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1	Nottingham University Hospitals Trust	13,600
2	Nottingham City Council	8,928
3	Nottinghamshire County Council	8,155
4	Nottinghamshire Health Care Trust	7,500
5	Boots UK Limited	6,000
6	University of Nottingham	5,000
7	Eon	5,000
8	Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust	4,558
9	Nottingham Trent University	3,309
10	Nottinghamshire Police	3,200
11	Experian	2,000
12	Nottingham College	1,519
13	Center Parcs	1,500
14	North Midlands Construction plc	1,422
15	Nottingham City Transport Limited	1,077
16	Nottingham Citycare Partnership CIC	1,053
17	HMRC	1,000
18	Pork Farms (Addo Food Group)	1,000
19	Vision West Notts College	996
20	Rolls Royce	980

Any other suggestions?

Wilko have promised local employment data by next Tuesday.