



# EMPLOYEES IN TYNE & WEAR 2009

This bulletin provides a summary of key points on employee numbers in Tyne & Wear

## KEY POINTS

The recession hit employment in 2008-09. In 2009 employee numbers fell to about 485,000 in TW. The latest detailed estimates for 2009 (Sept) show a fall of nearly 5% from a year earlier (a drop of 25,000 in TW)<sup>1</sup>. This is a larger reported drop than in GB (down 3%), and a larger drop than indicated by the rise in unemployment. Employee numbers had previously grown over the decade to 2007 by roughly a tenth.

The numbers are for employees at workplaces in each Local Authority District; they are not for residents. They therefore include in-commuters (and exclude out-commuters). The BRES has replaced the ABI (Annual Business Inquiry). The new BRES (2009) data were issued on 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Although these estimates can include some odd data, they remain the most industrially-detailed source which is publicly available.

### Employment by Industry ...

- Employment remains greatest in Health (nearly 70,000). New ONS estimates show that in the NE region over 40% of Health employees are in the private sector.
- Retailing employs over 50,000 people, which is over 10.3% of all employee jobs.
- Manufacturing employment has fallen to just over 10.0% of the total.

SIC (2007) Broad Ind Groups (BIGs)	2009 Employees (thousands)					
	Gd	Nc	NT	ST	Sd	TW
Agric., Forestry & Fishing	*	0.1	0.1	-	0.1	0.3
Mining, Quarrying & Utilities	*	0.7	0.8	0.5	2.9	4.9
Manufacturing	12.8	8.5	6.1	5.2	16.1	48.7
Construction	6.7	5.7	4.2	2.2	6.7	25.5
Motor Trades	1.5	2.1	1.4	0.5	1.7	7.2
Wholesale	4.4	2.2	2.1	1.1	2.3	12.1
Retail	11.0	14.7	7.5	4.5	12.4	50.1
Transp & Storage (inc Postal)	5.1	6.2	1.9	1.7	4.5	19.4
Accom. & Food Services	4.9	12.0	4.0	2.5	7.3	30.7
Info. & Communication	3.0	6.8	4.5	0.8	2.9	18.0
Finance & Insurance	1.5	7.7	1.5	0.4	5.1	16.2
Property	1.2	3.2	0.8	0.8	2.3	8.3
Prof. Scientific & Technical	4.1	15.1	6.2	1.6	3.5	30.5
Busi Admin and Support Servs	6.5	12.3	2.9	4.1	8.0	33.8
Education	5.7	19.8	5.0	4.3	9.8	44.6
Health	10.6	27.3	10.0	7.3	14.6	69.8
Public Admin	8.5	18.0	6.8	2.1	9.6	45.0
Other	2.9	8.6	2.2	1.8	3.4	18.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>91.5</b>	<b>170.9</b>	<b>67.9</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>113.2</b>	<b>485.1</b>

Note: TW is sum of rounded District nos (therefore with some rounding errors).  
Source ONS BRES 2009.

### Employee Change 2008-09...

- In 2008-09, by industry, the greatest fall in employee numbers was in Business Admin and Support Services (down 10,800). This industry includes employment agency staff; this may partly explain this large fall.
- Consumer services were big losers too: The next biggest job losses were from Other Services (down 4,800) and from Retailing (down 4,300).
- Other parts of Distribution also had big losses; Wholesaling (down 3,500) and the Motor Trade (down 1,400).

<sup>1</sup> Note: Tyne & Wear totals are sums of the five Districts, as data for BIGs are not available from NOMIS.

Change in Employee Numbers (thousands) 2008-09:

	Gd	Nc	NT	ST	Sd	TW
Agric., Forestry & Fishing	*	0.0	0.0	*	0.0	0.0
Mining, Quarrying & Utilities	*	-0.1	0.4	*	0.4	0.8
Manufacturing	-0.4	-0.4	-1.0	0.2	-1.6	-3.2
Construction	0.1	-0.9	-0.3	0.4	1.0	0.3
Motor Trades	-0.3	-0.5	-0.4	*	-0.7	-1.4
Wholesale	-0.9	-1.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.7	-3.5
Retail	-1.7	-1.7	-0.3	-0.6	0.0	-4.3
Transp & Storage (inc Postal)	1.1	-1.1	0.3	0.2	-0.4	0.1
Accom.& Food Services	-0.5	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5	-0.7	-2.6
Information & Communication	-0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	-1.1	-0.2
Finance & Insurance	-0.4	-0.7	-0.1	-0.2	-0.9	-2.3
Property	0.2	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.2	1.4
Prof., Scientific & Technical	1.7	2.8	2.7	0.4	1.0	8.6
Busi Admin and Support Servs	-2.4	-1.5	-3.6	-0.9	-2.4	-10.8
Education	-2.1	0.5	-0.4	1.0	-1.1	-2.1
Health	0.1	0.5	-1.3	-0.5	-0.1	-1.3
Public Admin	2.0	-2.5	2.1	-0.5	-0.3	0.8
Other	-0.3	-2.5	-0.8	0.0	-1.2	-4.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>-3.6</b>	<b>-8.7</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-8.5</b>	<b>-24.7</b>

Note: Change is in the rounded District numbers.

Source ONS BRES 2008 and 2009.

**Employment Change Rates...**

- Employee numbers fell fastest in Business Admin (-24%) and reportedly rose fastest in Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (up 39%). Caution: the scale of these reported changes is extraordinary for a single year (particularly the latter).

Rates of Change in Employee Numbers 2008-09 (%):

	Gd	Nc	NT	ST	Sd	TW
Agric., Forestry & Fishing	*	0.0	0.0	*	0.0	0.0
Mining, Quarrying & Utilities	*	-12.5	100.0	*	16.0	19.5
Manufacturing	-3.0	-4.5	-14.1	4.0	-9.0	-6.2
Construction	1.5	-13.6	-6.7	22.2	17.5	1.2
Motor Trades	-16.7	-19.2	-22.2	*	-29.2	-16.3
Wholesale	-17.0	-43.6	-4.5	-8.3	-23.3	-22.4
Retail	-13.4	-10.4	-3.8	-11.8	0.0	-7.9
Transp & Storage (inc Postal)	27.5	-15.1	18.8	13.3	-8.2	0.5
Accom. & Food Services	-9.3	-3.2	-11.1	-16.7	-8.8	-7.8
Info & Communication	-16.7	9.7	12.5	100.0	-27.5	-1.1
Finance & Insurance	-21.1	-8.3	-6.3	-33.3	-15.0	-12.4
Property	20.0	39.1	0.0	14.3	9.5	20.3
Prof., Scientific & Technical	70.8	22.8	77.1	33.3	40.0	39.3
Busi Admin and Support Servs	-27.0	-10.9	-55.4	-18.0	-23.1	-24.2
Education	-26.9	2.6	-7.4	30.3	-10.1	-4.5
Health	1.0	1.9	-11.5	-6.4	-0.7	-1.8
Public Admin	30.8	-12.2	44.7	-19.2	-3.0	1.8
Other	-9.4	-22.5	-26.7	0.0	-26.1	-20.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>-3.8</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>-4.2</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>-7.0</b>	<b>-4.8</b>

Note: Change is in rounded District numbers.

Caution: the BRES estimates for 2008 are about 1% higher than those from the ABI, due to a new methodology.