

# **Business and Retail**

20% of employment in the Humber is in Business & Retail.

Business services are about the administration and other activates for making the exchange of products and services possible. Retail is the sale of goods in shops and online.

## Will there be opportunities available?

- The increased focus on Northern cities, and the governments creation of a Northern Powerhouse, will create opportunity for business growth and expansion
- It is predicted there will be 15% more jobs in this sector in coming years to add to the 80,000 jobs already in the Humber working futures 2024
- Finance and business services have an ageing workforce and employers are keen to encourage young people into the industry - UKCES
  - There is an increasing demand for higher level skills (level 4 and 5) to fill management and professional roles -UKCES.

#### Did You Know?

- There are approx. 87,000 jobs in this sector in the Humber region BRES
- In the Humber Sub Region, over80% of retailers employ fewer than10 people ONS
- Female's worker out number male's in the retail workforce ONS
- A third of retail staff are aged under 25 years- ONS
- Automation is increasing in this sector due to technological advances; therefore there will be fewer lower and unskilled jobs in the future
- There are a variety of jobs in is this sector covering over 600 occupations
- Employers are looking for people with good communication and IT skills
- Employers are looking for employability skills such as communication, team working as well as formal qualifications.



## **Good to Know:**

Skills employers are looking for in this sector include Customer Service, IT, Team Work and Problem Solving.

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| kills/qualities Team working Communication | F0%    |
| Problem solving Flexibility Customer focus |        |

## Useful subjects include

English

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- Maths
- IT
- Customer Service

## Some local employers

Amazon

Next

Boots

Arco

Barclays

KCOM

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Sources: Business Register Employment Survey, Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, Office for National Statistics.

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