

# DISTRIBUTION

The distribution sector provides the necessary link between producers and consumers by the safe and efficient movement of people and products throughout the West of England and across the UK. There are a number of roles in this sector including drivers, planners, schedulers, and warehouse personnel who select, pack and prepare items for delivery.

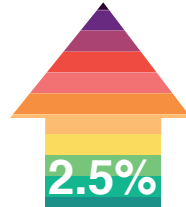
All data represents the West of England

## SIZE OF SECTOR

 **27,918**  
people are employed  
in this sector.

 **6,362**  
unique job postings  
between Jan 2017  
and Jan 2018.

 **8.6%**  
of the workforce are  
aged 16-24 years old.



The sector is forecast to grow by 2.5% between 2017 and 2026.

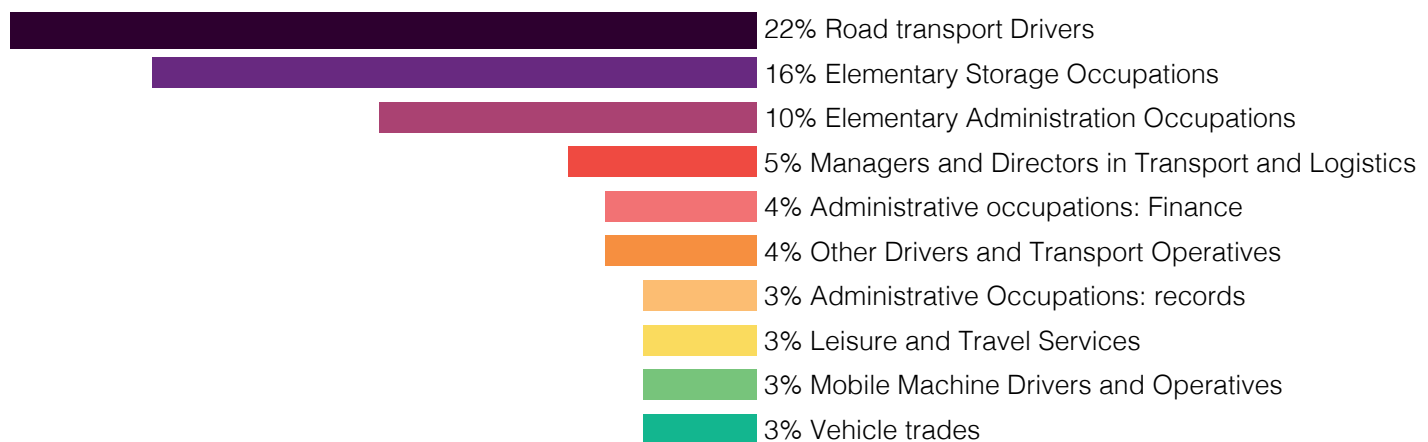


88% of advertised jobs in 2017-18 required **GCSEs**/standard grades, **Level 2s/NVQs** and **0-2 years experience**.



## EMPLOYMENT AREAS

The main areas of employment within this sector are:



## AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE

Road transport Drivers	£9.97
Elementary Storage Occupations	£9.93
Elementary Administration Occupations	£10.21
Managers and Directors in Transport and Logistics	£12.92
Administrative occupations: Finance	£11.20
Other Drivers and Transport Operatives	£16.23
Administrative Occupations: records	£10.24
Leisure and Travel Services	£9.61
Mobile Machine Drivers and Operatives	£10.85
Vehicle trades	£12.53



## SKILLS IN DEMAND

These soft skills are most commonly requested by employers:

COMMUNICATION

CREATIVITY

ORGANISATIONAL

COLLABORATION

PROBLEM SOLVING

The most requested skills specific to this sector are:

SPECIALIST	
Customer Service	Machining
Computer Numerical Control (CNC)	C++
Teamwork / Collaboration	Forklift operation
BASELINE SKILLS	
Heavy lifting	Haulage
Product sales	Customer contact
Logistics skills	Commercial driving
BUSINESS SKILLS	
Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Customer contact
Sorting	Engineering Drawings
Packaging	Facebook for business



## EMPLOYERS

Employers with the most advertised vacancies over the past 12 months in the West of England:

- Driving Plus Limited
- Reliable Contractors Limited
- Bristol Industrial
- Staffline Ltd
- Tesco Plc
- Gregory Distribution Ltd
- UPS Corporation Ltd
- National Health Service
- First Ltd
- Firstgroup PLC
- John Lewis Partnership
- Travis Perkins
- DHL Express
- Royal Mail
- Hermes Corporation Ltd
- Asda
- Driver Hire Bristol
- SM Global Ltd
- UPS – UK
- Parcelforce

### Sources

- 1) Labour Insights - Data range 2017 / 2018
- 2) West of England LEP
- 3) EMSI - Burning Glass - Data range 2017 / 2018
- 4) Business West Skills Statements 2018

### Partners

