

UK JOBS MARKET HOLDS FIRM AS ECONOMY SHOWS SIGNS OF GROWTH

The UK jobs market contracted slightly in April (-2%), following a record first quarter (+9% on Q4 2012) with year on year growth remaining strong (+14%), according to the latest [Reed Job Index](#).

The Reed Job Index, the largest monthly measure of conditions and trends in employment opportunities in the UK, now stands at 153 – three points lower than the previous month, which saw the index reach its highest ever level.

The April figures follow a strong first quarter for the UK jobs market, with 9% more job opportunities on offer during the first three months of the year, compared with the final quarter of 2012. This echoes the recently announced GDP figures, which showed that the UK economy grew by 0.3% in the first three months of the year. Overall, the April jobs market was 2.3% higher than the first quarter average (149.6) for 2013.

A significant majority of sectors (85%) are now stronger than they were this time last year, with particularly strong gains in [social care](#) (64%), [construction](#) (60%), [education](#) (51%) and [health & medicine](#) (51%). Month on month, [hospitality and catering](#) saw strong gains (21%).

Looking around the UK, the majority of regions are offering more opportunities than they were this time last year. Monthly growth in the capital unexpectedly fell back in April by just over 2%, though [London](#) is still offering 11% more opportunities now compared with last year.

Overall, the Reed Job Index now stands at 153, compared with 156 last month and 134 in April 2012. The Reed Salary Index now stands at 99, compared to 100 last month and 98 in April 2012.

Commenting on the latest figures, James Reed, Chairman of [reed.co.uk](#), says:

“April saw a steadying of the jobs market, with a slight dip due to an expected seasonal fall following the Easter Bank Holidays. So far this year, the Reed Job Index has been showing a clear and continuing trend for growth, which was reinforced by last week’s positive news that the UK economy avoided a triple dip recession.

“We're now seeing people apply for new jobs in unprecedented numbers, as many who have been sitting tight during the tough economic conditions of the last few years gain the confidence to look at furthering their careers with a new employer. Salaries have remained static for over three years against a rising cost of living, so now is the time for many people to look for something new.”

The Reed Job Index is compiled by the UK's number one job site www.reed.co.uk, through analysis of job advertisement trends from over 10,000 recruiters throughout the UK tracked against a baseline of 100 established in December 2009.

KEY FACTS – April 2013

- **April jobs market down slightly month on month (-2%)**
- **Year on year, job market has grown 14%**
- **Reed Job Index echoes strong first quarter evidenced by recent GDP figures**

Regional Snapshot

Top 5 regions month on month	Top 5 regions year on year
1. Northern Ireland (+15.5%)	1. Scotland (+35.6%)
2. Wales (+1.9%)	2. North West England (+25.1%)
3. Yorkshire & Humberside (+1.8%)	3. West Midlands (+23.5%)
4. Scotland (- %)	4. Yorkshire & Humberside (+20.4%)
5. North West England (- %)	5. East Midlands (+19.7%)

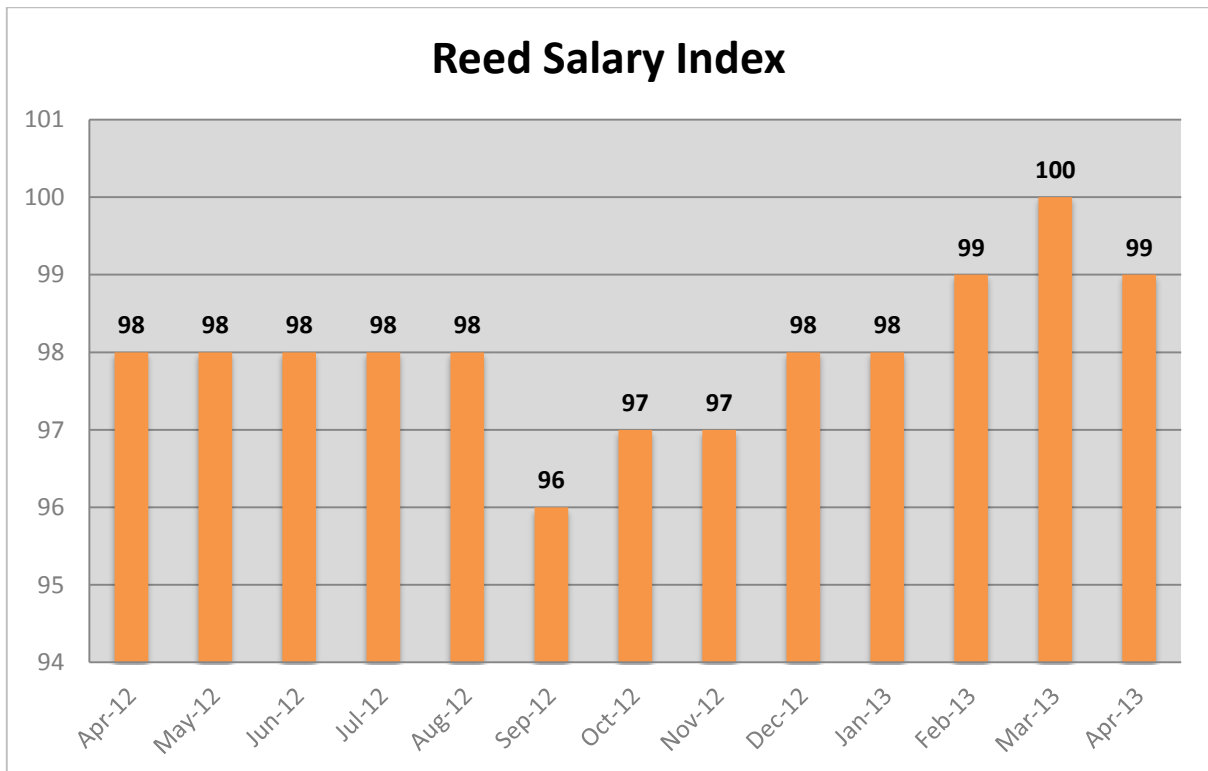
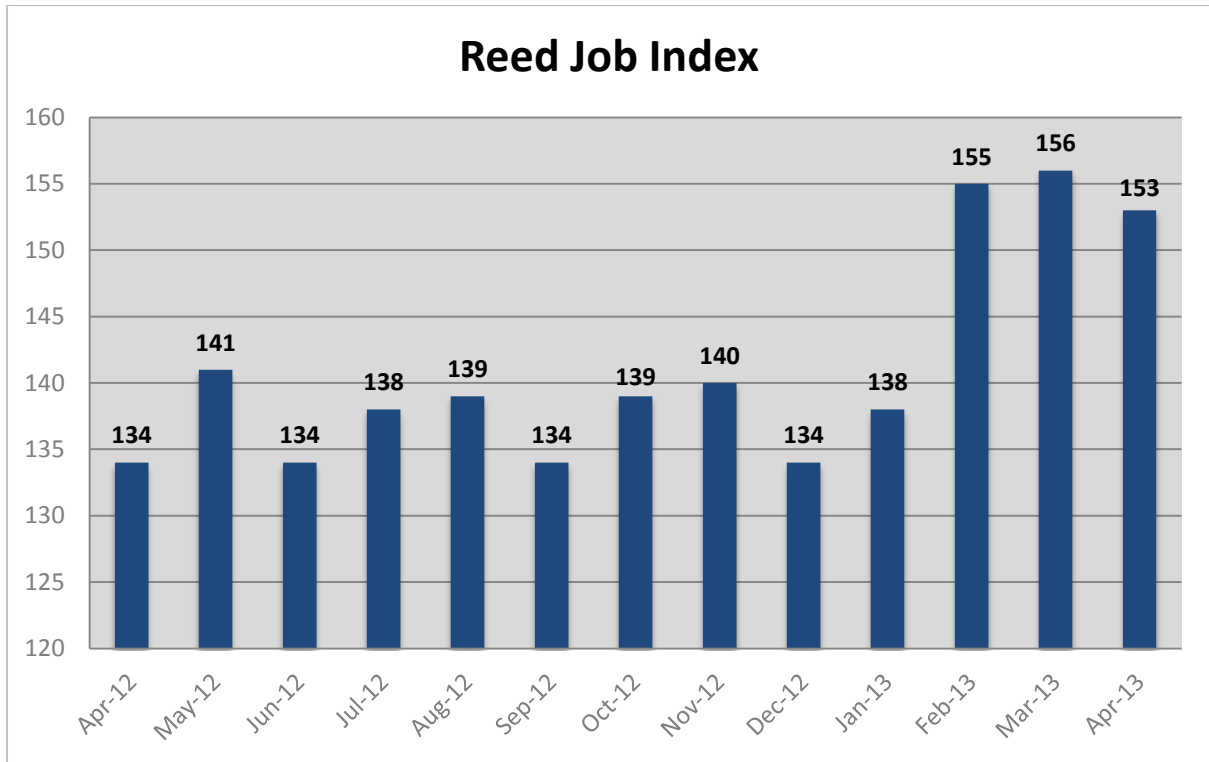
Sector Snapshot

Top 5 sectors month on month	Top 5 sectors year on year
1. Hospitality & Catering (+20.7%)	1. Social Care (+ 64.5%)
2. Social Care (+6.3%)	2. Construction & Property (+59.8%)
3. Legal (+4.6%)	3. Education (+51.6%)
4. Health & Medicine (+4.7%)	4. Health & Medicine (+51.6%)
5. Transport & Logistics (+2.9%)	5. Legal (36.4%)

NOTES

- Each month the Reed Job Index tracks the number of new job opportunities and the salaries on offer compared to the previous month and against a baseline of 100 set in December 2009. The Reed Job Index is based on data from the UK's largest job board, reed.co.uk, which every day lists over 100,000 job opportunities from 10,000 recruiters across 37 career sectors throughout the UK.
- The Reed Job Index is compiled by data drawn from online job vacancies and jobseeker activity on reed.co.uk.
- reed.co.uk is the UK's largest commercial job board, with over 100,000 job opportunities from more than 10,000 recruiters at any one time.
- reed.co.uk is part of Reed Global, the international recruitment group of companies

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Index set at 100 with National average salary of £33,414.06

Reed Job Index by sector

Sector	Dec '09	Apr '12	May '12	June '12	July '12	Aug '12	Sep '12	Oct '12	Nov '12	Dec '12	Jan '13	Feb '13	Mar '13	Apr '13
National	100	134	141	134	138	139	134	139	140	134	138	155	156	153
Accountancy	100	130	146	140	149	146	133	139	137	128	135	151	154	156
Accountancy (Qualified)	100	154	159	146	149	142	135	139	137	129	133	142	139	135
Admin, Secretarial & PA	100	152	163	147	147	151	147	147	140	140	136	157	165	159
Banking	100	73	67	61	67	65	62	65	75	70	69	79	74	71
Charity & Voluntary	100	129	161	164	169	234	241	243	244	234	209	234	224	171
Construction & Property	100	119	136	130	129	152	140	147	151	144	151	181	198	189
Customer Service	100	138	141	134	134	146	140	156	154	146	146	158	150	154
Education	100	113	126	125	121	102	114	133	158	165	159	176	175	172
Energy	100	96	100	87	96	100	91	93	111	101	109	108	117	111
Engineering	100	196	201	201	199	197	180	188	197	186	186	205	206	208
Estate Agency	100	150	160	154	157	146	153	161	176	172	169	177	193	190
Financial Services	100	118	124	107	108	104	100	103	107	103	110	127	116	109
General Insurance	100	132	126	117	121	125	119	119	113	114	123	129	118	119
Health & Medicine	100	90	95	93	101	105	106	106	112	120	128	137	130	136
Hospitality & Catering	100	138	134	136	135	129	128	135	135	115	118	136	147	177
Human Resources	100	143	149	138	148	149	138	141	138	131	137	162	159	150
IT & Telecoms	100	176	188	182	191	196	184	190	195	188	188	209	208	204
Legal	100	128	153	147	151	143	134	144	149	144	150	154	166	174
Leisure & Tourism	100	145	163	131	120	127	135	133	113	104	107	191	215	192
Manufacturing	100	143	160	149	151	146	140	141	133	128	137	155	159	150
Marketing & PR	100	149	157	151	148	155	142	138	143	136	137	167	172	164
Media, Digital & Creative	100	154	155	141	140	145	153	155	152	143	148	176	169	167
Motoring & Automotive	100	194	196	176	197	189	189	183	187	185	201	215	232	218
Purchasing	100	137	146	125	135	140	128	136	130	125	135	152	151	155
Recruitment Consultancy	100	117	122	114	114	115	112	108	105	104	107	121	126	117
Retail	100	121	135	135	147	157	154	152	136	124	133	160	155	153
Sales	100	142	141	132	135	138	133	149	141	131	137	162	166	156
Scientific	100	128	142	131	121	136	122	119	129	114	123	133	137	136
Security & Safety	100	132	116	117	144	114	149	154	163	180	127	156	189	168
Social Care	100	68	77	75	89	97	100	102	106	102	112	108	106	112
Strategy & Consultancy	100	192	186	195	206	208	197	188	198	187	216	245	211	214
Training	100	69	76	67	67	70	78	72	75	78	78	96	87	85
Transport & Logistics	100	197	201	227	233	254	250	242	225	210	186	202	214	220

Reed Salary Index by sector

Sector	Dec '09	Apr '12	May '12	June '12	July '12	Aug '12	Sep '12	Oct '12	Nov '12	Dec '12	Jan '13	Feb '13	Mar '13	Apr '13
National	100	98	98	98	98	98	96	97	97	98	98	99	100	99
Accountancy	100	102	103	102	97	97	102	101	99	99	98	103	102	103
Accountancy (Qualified)	100	99	98	96	90	90	96	97	91	90	90	97	95	95
Admin, Secretarial & PA	100	105	105	106	100	99	103	104	98	100	103	107	107	106
Banking	100	111	112	120	104	104	112	120	98	101	101	116	112	107
Charity & Voluntary	100	96	94	97	97	88	91	90	93	92	95	102	102	100
Construction & Property	100	89	91	91	86	84	87	90	89	87	89	97	93	91
Customer Service	100	105	103	104	100	100	102	102	100	99	99	106	105	104
Education	100	97	101	101	97	96	97	97	96	98	96	105	104	102
Energy	100	86	86	88	87	91	83	94	87	81	82	94	89	84
Engineering	100	96	94	95	96	93	94	94	93	96	94	94	95	94
Estate Agency	100	108	105	105	102	99	108	106	107	104	105	107	109	107
Financial Services	100	110	105	103	103	103	102	99	99	98	99	96	96	96
General Insurance	100	101	100	104	103	105	105	104	103	99	104	101	103	99
Health & Medicine	100	99	98	96	90	87	91	93	94	96	94	95	96	97
Hospitality & Catering	100	105	106	104	102	100	104	105	100	104	112	108	107	106
Human Resources	100	101	102	99	101	99	99	98	96	98	103	101	101	102
IT & Telecoms	100	99	98	96	93	94	98	97	94	94	93	99	97	98
Legal	100	84	82	87	81	78	79	81	80	83	88	86	89	88
Leisure & Tourism	100	92	99	102	106	91	103	102	101	107	103	113	107	107
Manufacturing	100	97	92	90	91	91	86	89	96	98	91	93	91	88
Marketing & PR	100	103	101	103	95	97	102	101	94	98	93	102	102	99
Media, Digital & Creative	100	101	100	103	93	91	100	102	96	97	87	97	100	100
Motoring & Automotive	100	95	95	93	90	89	89	92	92	91	85	90	92	91
Purchasing	100	96	100	96	96	102	99	98	104	99	100	112	105	103
Recruitment Consultancy	100	108	103	101	104	106	103	106	115	114	110	110	111	108
Retail	100	110	110	110	111	107	104	110	113	113	119	111	118	116
Sales	100	101	101	103	102	99	100	103	106	105	107	109	110	105
Scientific	100	91	92	93	90	92	89	91	89	90	90	96	95	92
Security & Safety	100	78	85	81	68	72	76	76	83	92	87	84	92	88
Social Care	100	71	73	78	72	69	68	64	70	67	67	70	69	72
Strategy & Consultancy	100	106	102	100	108	109	102	103	105	97	102	102	99	101
Training	100	109	109	108	108	104	111	116	115	99	107	109	106	102
Transport & Logistics	100	92	90	92	91	88	88	88	91	95	96	89	91	92

Reed Job Index by region

Region	Dec '09	Apr '12	May '12	June '12	July '12	Aug '12	Sep '12	Oct '12	Nov '12	Dec '12	Jan '13	Feb '13	Mar '13	Apr '13
National	100	134	141	134	138	139	134	139	140	134	138	155	156	153
East Anglia	100	148	146	141	152	151	150	154	149	139	144	162	165	160
East Midlands	100	142	156	148	152	151	148	153	154	144	152	168	175	170
London	100	141	148	140	144	142	136	143	149	142	143	162	160	157
North East England	100	129	135	129	138	136	134	145	141	141	145	158	160	154
North West England	100	122	130	127	131	133	129	138	140	137	140	154	154	153
Northern Ireland	100	141	145	139	135	127	109	143	143	148	109	130	107	124
Scotland	100	125	134	132	126	137	126	130	129	123	134	151	169	168
South East (excl. London)	100	136	142	134	136	139	134	138	137	131	133	149	150	147
South West England	100	135	145	136	141	143	135	140	138	129	137	158	156	150
Wales	100	105	104	106	108	113	108	105	108	111	114	119	120	123
West Midlands (Region)	100	150	155	152	160	159	156	165	164	158	161	191	192	185
Yorkshire and Humberside	100	141	146	140	144	150	145	148	148	147	156	171	166	169

Reed Salary Index by region

Region	Dec '09	Apr '12	May '12	June '12	July '12	Aug '12	Sep '12	Oct '12	Nov '12	Dec '12	Jan '13	Feb '13	Mar '13	Apr '13
National	100	98	98	98	98	98	96	97	97	98	98	99	100	99
East Anglia	100	99	102	101	99	99	100	98	100	101	102	103	102	99
East Midlands	100	97	97	96	96	95	94	96	95	96	97	96	97	96
London	100	96	98	98	97	96	95	96	96	98	99	98	99	97
North East England	100	93	96	95	94	93	93	95	98	98	98	99	97	93
North West England	100	99	98	97	98	98	97	96	97	97	99	98	97	97
Northern Ireland	100	106	100	98	96	92	99	94	99	92	95	96	108	102
Scotland	100	98	97	95	98	97	94	96	96	98	95	99	96	97
South East (excl. London)	100	100	101	100	100	99	98	100	100	100	102	101	100	100
South West England	100	98	97	97	96	99	94	95	96	97	98	97	95	96
Wales	100	95	103	99	99	95	99	101	100	97	100	99	98	97
West Midlands (Region)	100	98	98	99	97	96	96	97	98	100	100	101	101	100
Yorkshire and Humberside	100	100	102	98	98	99	98	100	101	101	104	102	101	99