

Continued jobs growth bucks seasonal norm

Seasonal factors failed to prevent continued growth in the UK jobs market in August, according to the latest Reed Job Index.

The largest monthly measure of conditions and trends in the [jobs](#) market in the UK reveals job opportunities in August grew by 1% month on month and an impressive 14% year on year. This is the second consecutive month of growth across both measures at a time when the employment market is typically flat.

Over half of the nation's employment sectors (52%) are now posting significantly more jobs than last month with the [construction and property](#) and [transport and logistics](#) sectors faring particularly well, enjoying 20% and 16 % growth respectively. On an annual basis, the figures are stronger still with 73% of sectors growing compared with this time last year.

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Around the UK, Scotland and Wales are faring particularly well, registering impressive month on month growth of 9% and 5% respectively. Overall, every UK region is enjoying annual jobs growth, with 50% witnessing more opportunities compared with July. In London, monthly growth dropped off slightly by 1% though on an annual basis opportunities are up by a healthy 12%.

The index confirms national salary growth still remains flat, registering 0% monthly growth with slight annual growth of 1%. Overall, the Reed Salary Index now stands at 98 as it did last month.

Commenting on the latest figures, Martin Warnes, Managing Director at [reed.co.uk](#), says:

“August is traditionally one of the quietest times of the year for recruitment so it is highly encouraging that opportunities have continued to grow. Our data has been pointing towards an improving jobs market for many months now. These latest figures add further weight to the argument that jobs growth has actually been embedded for some time”

"Particularly noteworthy has been the increase in opportunities in the construction and property sector. This important area of the UK economy has been particularly hard hit by the recession so the figures are to be especially welcomed as are developments that will continue to support this upward trend, such as the recently approved Ebbsfleet Valley construction project in Kent.

“Looking ahead, the coming three months will be hugely instructive as to the overall prospects for the economy. The pre-Christmas period is typically one of the most fruitful of the year for job hunters as businesses prepare for the new year and we are hopeful that the trend of recent jobs growth can in turn spur an upturn in the wider UK economy.”

The Reed Job Index is compiled by the UK's number one job site 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.

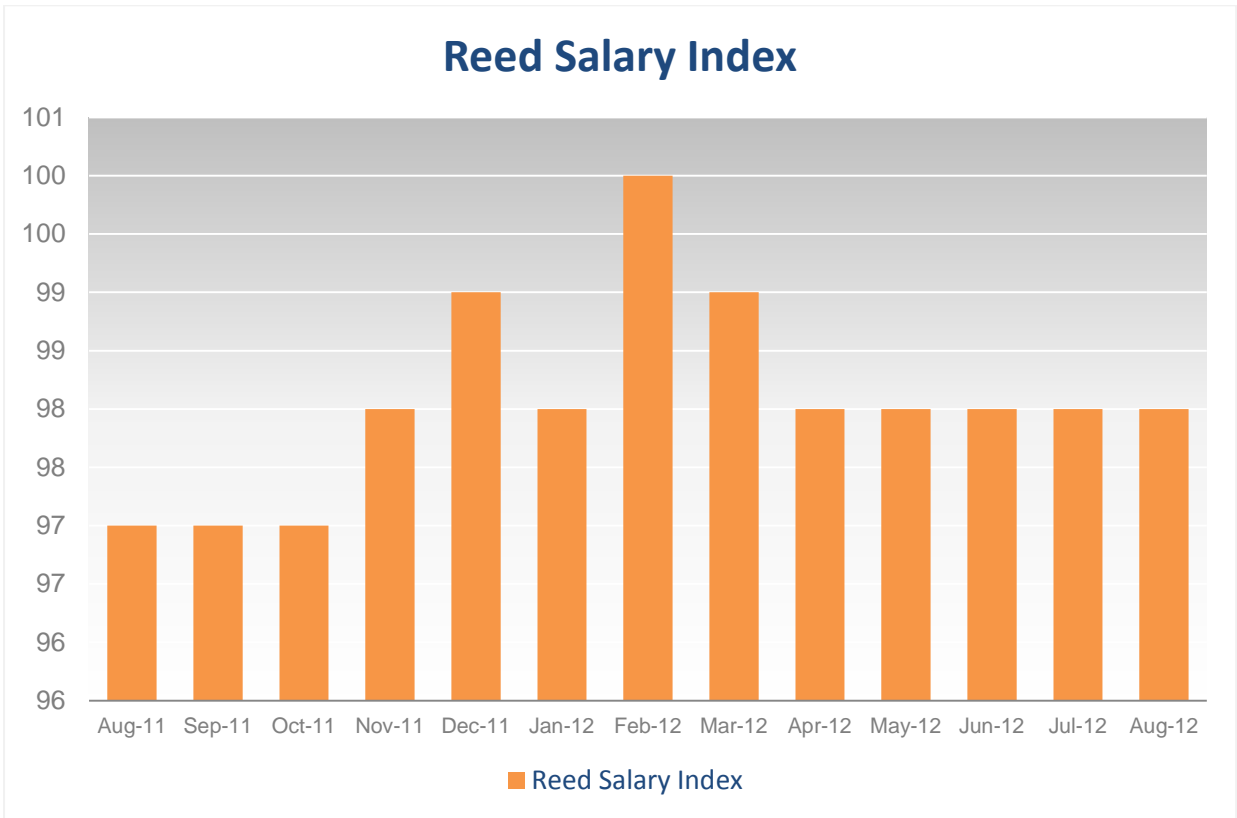
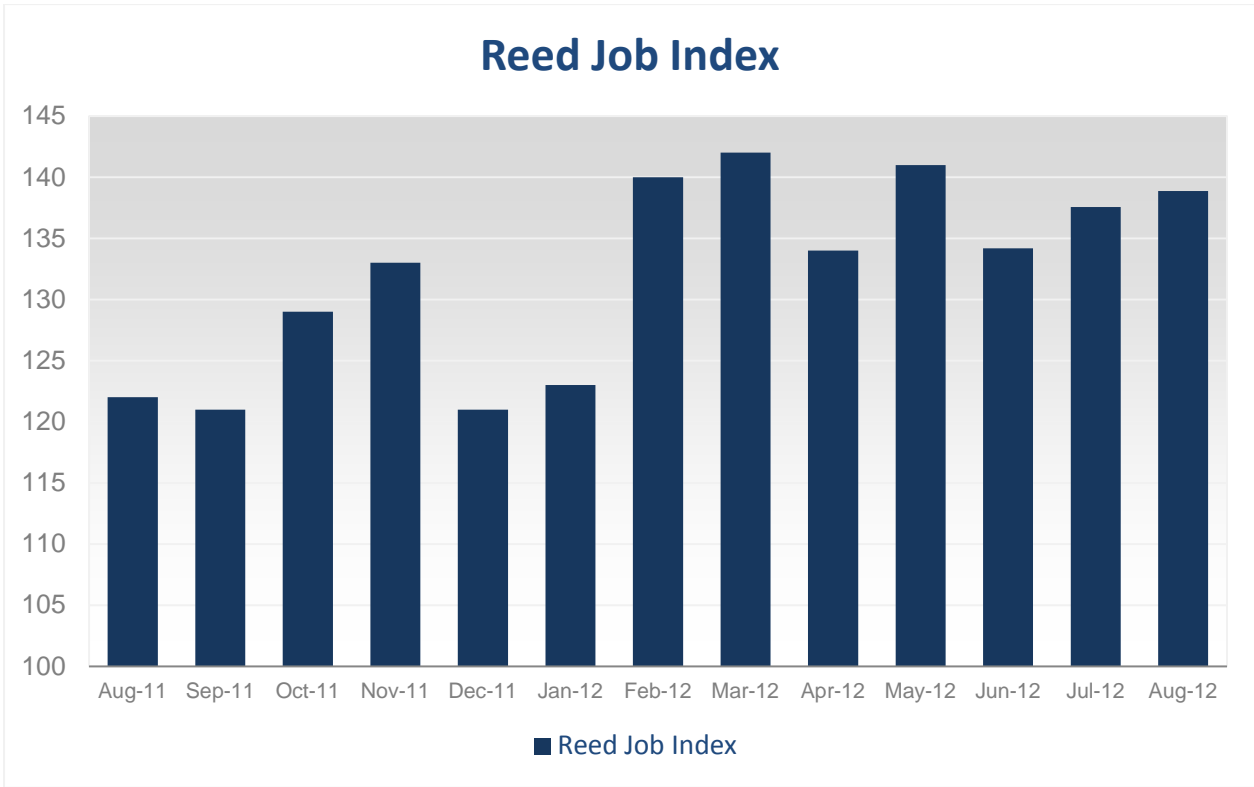
KEY FACTS – August

- **Second month of job growth over typically 'flat' summer period, according to latest Reed Job Index**
- **Index up encouragingly on both monthly and annual basis**
- **Over half of employment sectors posting more opportunities compared with July**
- **Scotland and Wales show impressive regional growth**
- **Overall, the Reed Job Index now stands at 139 compared with 138 in July and 122 this time last year**

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 last year. 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 on-line job vacancies and job-seeker 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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Reed Job Index by sector

Sector	Dec '09	Aug '11	Sep '11	Oct '11	Nov '11	Dec '11	Jan '12	Feb '12	Mar '12	Apr '12	May '12	Jun '12	Jul '12	Aug '12
National	100	122	121	129	133	121	123	140	142	134	141	134	138	139
Accountancy	100	130	129	130	138	128	127	132	123	126	142	131	133	128
Accountancy (Qualified)	100	134	133	142	156	144	142	158	163	154	159	146	149	142
Admin, Secretarial & PA	100	138	134	134	140	130	134	136	131	132	137	119	130	141
Banking	100	86	75	86	80	71	68	65	74	65	69	61	64	63
Charity & Voluntary	100	122	123	166	130	120	142	98	95	114	136	120	141	159
Construction & Property	100	129	130	126	125	109	110	140	140	145	157	145	151	181
Customer Service	100	124	127	136	133	125	125	120	126	130	128	119	128	138
Education	100	73	82	90	102	98	97	130	160	117	138	128	124	114
Energy	100	72	81	92	108	99	92	129	101	126	135	103	125	147
Engineering	100	165	166	178	192	170	171	218	230	233	266	243	233	217
Estate Agency	100	126	124	138	149	122	146	149	159	158	185	159	169	157
Financial Services	100	102	106	114	115	104	104	114	102	107	103	97	92	90
General Insurance	100	142	128	140	143	132	132	125	138	112	96	97	93	91
Health & Medicine	100	79	80	81	88	88	84	115	103	91	111	121	128	126
Hospitality & Catering	100	105	105	110	125	134	101	122	157	151	143	151	151	149
Human Resources	100	142	130	134	139	137	130	128	117	135	136	132	147	146
IT & Telecoms	100	149	149	173	190	173	174	183	172	172	184	167	180	187
Legal	100	113	114	114	131	115	115	117	124	124	130	121	142	127
Leisure & Tourism	100	176	175	167	211	154	150	194	156	129	127	113	112	114
Manufacturing	100	145	150	144	149	124	124	151	160	157	165	149	143	125
Marketing & PR	100	148	133	143	136	123	132	141	138	127	132	121	139	142
Media, Digital & Creative	100	146	147	157	144	139	144	130	131	135	135	124	113	118
Motoring & Automotive	100	116	165	161	170	158	165	198	196	194	195	181	207	210
Purchasing	100	122	115	126	120	121	127	138	140	134	146	133	131	135
Recruitment Consultancy	100	108	110	115	111	101	106	116	120	118	118	115	123	130
Retail	100	136	134	145	126	107	113	139	145	139	143	149	154	138
Sales	100	135	133	143	143	128	135	143	138	133	134	119	116	119
Scientific	100	110	103	115	129	116	117	155	161	154	177	133	154	147
Security & Safety	100	93	99	89	97	98	105	145	98	139	102	109	180	166
Social Care	100	60	65	77	75	64	66	78	97	85	98	95	123	140
Strategy & Consultancy	100	148	156	155	161	153	150	171	209	163	168	163	187	194
Training	100	71	64	81	64	61	69	79	79	75	82	76	81	84
Transport & Logistics	100	206	201	220	204	165	161	170	182	193	187	193	181	210

Reed Salary Index by sector

Sector	Dec '09	Aug '11	Sep '11	Oct '11	Nov '11	Dec '11	Jan '12	Feb '12	Mar '12	Apr '12	May '12	Jun '12	Jul '12	Aug '12
National	100	97	97	97	98	99	98	100	102	98	98	98	98	98
Accountancy	100	101	101	102	101	98	98	101	97	102	103	102	97	97
Accountancy (Qualified)	100	98	98	99	98	91	92	97	106	99	98	96	90	90
Admin, Secretarial & PA	100	102	104	103	104	98	99	106	115	105	105	106	100	99
Banking	100	117	112	113	112	101	100	121	95	111	112	120	104	104
Charity & Voluntary	100	105	101	101	93	90	93	99	90	96	94	97	97	88
Construction & Property	100	87	89	92	96	92	88	93	106	89	91	91	86	84
Customer Service	100	102	100	101	103	99	100	106	97	105	103	104	100	100
Education	100	97	94	96	97	95	98	96	86	97	101	101	97	96
Energy	100	76	80	87	90	82	75	88	97	86	86	88	87	91
Engineering	100	91	93	92	94	93	95	94	109	96	94	95	96	93
Estate Agency	100	108	102	109	110	98	110	109	102	108	105	105	102	99
Financial Services	100	95	98	100	102	110	105	103	104	110	105	103	103	103
General Insurance	100	98	97	98	101	100	103	103	98	101	100	104	103	105
Health & Medicine	100	91	90	90	90	91	93	95	105	99	98	96	90	87
Hospitality & Catering	100	107	105	103	104	107	104	103	100	105	106	104	102	100
Human Resources	100	106	106	103	101	100	98	103	97	101	102	99	101	99
IT & Telecoms	100	101	97	96	98	94	93	98	87	99	98	96	93	94
Legal	100	83	78	78	84	85	83	85	99	84	82	87	81	78
Leisure & Tourism	100	91	97	102	98	90	100	102	96	92	99	102	106	91
Manufacturing	100	89	87	86	91	96	94	95	104	97	92	90	91	91
Marketing & PR	100	106	106	104	105	96	95	103	100	103	101	103	95	97
Media, Digital & Creative	100	100	101	100	101	92	93	97	100	101	100	103	93	91
Motoring & Automotive	100	97	95	90	93	95	102	101	100	95	95	93	90	89
Purchasing	100	102	97	95	94	90	97	95	97	96	100	96	96	102
Recruitment Consultancy	100	113	114	109	109	108	108	112	114	108	103	101	104	106
Retail	100	110	112	116	112	104	106	108	108	110	110	110	111	107
Sales	100	104	102	104	102	101	101	104	104	101	101	103	102	99
Scientific	100	92	94	90	89	90	92	92	93	91	92	93	90	92
Security & Safety	100	82	91	81	85	84	93	89	77	78	85	81	68	72
Social Care	100	72	72	71	69	77	82	74	73	71	73	78	72	69
Strategy & Consultancy	100	112	116	112	113	109	102	117	118	106	102	100	108	109
Training	100	105	106	103	107	99	106	113	107	109	109	108	108	104
Transport & Logistics	100	89	90	88	93	92	94	96	94	92	90	92	91	88

Reed Job Index by region

Region	Dec '09	Aug '11	Sep '11	Oct '11	Nov '11	Dec '11	Jan '12	Feb '12	Mar '12	Apr '12	May '12	Jun '12	July '12	Aug '12
National	100	122	121	129	133	121	123	140	142	134	141	134	138	139
East Anglia	100	138	141	147	144	135	139	152	155	148	146	141	152	151
East Midlands	100	124	122	130	134	122	127	141	152	142	156	148	152	151
London	100	127	125	135	142	129	130	148	148	141	148	140	144	142
North East England	100	123	115	121	115	102	111	132	142	129	135	129	138	136
North West England	100	105	108	114	121	111	109	130	131	122	130	127	131	133
Northern Ireland	100	108	109	118	120	96	124	153	145	141	145	139	135	127
Scotland	100	125	115	125	124	114	111	129	126	125	134	132	126	137
South East (excl. London)	100	125	123	130	135	123	125	141	142	136	142	134	136	139
South West England	100	125	123	131	135	123	126	147	148	135	145	136	141	143
Wales	100	99	100	112	105	96	89	102	107	105	104	106	108	113
West Midlands (Region)	100	135	140	148	150	130	131	152	160	150	155	152	160	159
Yorkshire and Humberside	100	128	133	142	140	129	131	145	154	141	146	140	144	150

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National	100	97	97	97	98	99	98	100	99	98	98	98	98	98
East Anglia	100	97	98	100	101	102	103	104	103	99	102	101	99	99
East Midlands	100	92	92	94	93	94	95	100	99	97	97	96	96	95
London	100	98	97	96	96	97	97	100	99	96	98	98	97	96
North East England	100	94	90	90	92	93	93	101	97	93	96	95	94	93
North West England	100	97	97	97	100	99	101	103	102	99	98	97	98	98
Northern Ireland	100	90	94	91	94	94	97	99	101	106	100	98	96	92
Scotland	100	95	96	98	98	97	100	100	100	98	97	95	98	97
South East (excl. London)	100	99	98	99	99	100	100	103	102	100	101	100	100	99
South West England	100	97	96	96	98	97	98	102	99	98	97	97	96	99
Wales	100	94	95	96	102	95	97	101	97	95	103	99	99	95
West Midlands (Region)	100	97	98	97	97	99	99	101	102	98	98	99	97	96
Yorkshire and Humberside	100	99	98	98	101	101	100	105	103	100	102	98	98	99